

This half term Year 3/4 are learning about:



English

In English this half term, Year 3 will be learning a losing tale called 'William's Lucky Escape' and they will use this tale to create their own losing tale. Year 3 will be focusing on sentence structure, punctuation and conjunctions. In Year 4, we will be learning a finding tale called 'Ben and the Stolen Diamond'. We will be focusing on fronted adverbials, punctuation and sentence structure. Handwriting lessons will be taught several times a week which will enable pupils to practise joining their handwriting. Spellings will be learned each week; a linked homework activity will reinforce this. The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will also be learning spellings from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

In Year 3, our class book will be 'Rabbit and Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits: Book 1 - Rabbit and Bear' and in Year 4, the class book will be 'Because of Winn Dixie' by Kate DiCamillo

Most children will use the Accelerated reader system to guide their daily independent reading. Each child will bring a reading book home daily so please do encourage your child to read, as well as listening to them read too.

Science



This half term Year 3 and 4 will study 'Teeth'. We will be learning about the different types of teeth that humans have, how they compare to other animals and what we use them for. We will also learn about the best way to care for our teeth. We will then move on to learning about our digestive system.

Maths



This half term in maths, the children will be learning all about numbers. They will recognise the place value of numbers; using this knowledge to order and compare numbers.

Year 3 will learn about numbers up to 1000 while Year 4 will learn about numbers over a 1000. After learning to partition and round numbers, the children will begin to develop their understanding of number facts and calculations, particularly addition and subtraction.

Year 3 will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication facts of 2, 5 and 10. They will begin to learn their 3's, 4's and 8's. Year 4 will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication facts of 3's, 4's and 8's. They will then be learning 6's, 7's, 9's, 11's and 12's. Learning (and practising) times tables at home would really help your child in school!

History

This half term in Year 3 and 4, our history topic is 'Invaders and settlers - The Romans'. We will learn about how and why the Romans moved to the UK. We will also discuss what changes they made and what they did for us. We will learn as well about Boudica and explore who she was from different viewpoints. Finally, we will learn about Roman life in the UK.

Art/DT



In Art, the children will be learning all about collage. Children will be learning about surrealism, cubism and abstract art and will focus on several British and international artists such as Eileen Agar, Pablo Picasso, Hannah Hoch and Salvador Dali. They will explore how to join materials to create collage portraits and finish by creating their own collage inspired by Dali's 'The persistence of memory.'

PE



In both Year 3 and Year 4, we will be having two sessions of PE a week. Year 3 will be focusing on athletics and an outdoor adventurous activity, where they will learn to challenge themselves and work as a team. In Year 4, the children will begin their swimming lessons, learning how to be safe in the water and develop their swimming strokes. In the other PE lesson, the children will create a dance based on the book 'Giraffe's Can't Dance.' A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school. This must include an **outdoor kit** as lessons will be outside as much as possible. PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black joggers, and a black sweatshirt. Trainers should be provided, and these should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.

Computing



This half term, Year 4 will start the term by learning about the importance of Online Safety. Afterwards, they will look at animations and how to produce their own animation. They will finish the half term exploring how to search online safely and effectively.

French



In French this term, the children in Year 3 will begin the term by covering core vocabulary linked to colours, days of the week and numbers. Afterwards, they will learn the names of animals.

RE/PSHE



This half term in RE, the children will be starting topics linked to family. In Year 3, our first topic is called 'Homes'. We will be exploring our own homes and families, recognising the Holy Family as an example to live by. In Year 4, our first topic is called 'People'. We will learn about our families and Jesus' family. We will think about how we are all part of God's family.

The second topic introduced just before half term; we will look at the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Throughout the units, we will explore scripture and think about what it means to us.

Key Vocabulary

This term, we are learning the following words:

- amazing
- terrible
- devastated
- elated
- gigantic
- minute

At home, you can play word games to support the learning of these words. Can you list different words that mean the same thing?

E.g. good = amazing

You could also play pairs matching the word to its meaning.

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Learn times tables (TTTRS) and addition/subtraction facts.
- ❖ Complete homework and hand it in on time every week.
- ❖ Reading good literature TO children is also highly recommended.