

This half term Year 3 are learning about:



English

In English, Year 3 will start the term by reading and write cinquain poems. Afterwards, they will be looking at a non-chronological report based on a Pie Corbett text. The children will then move onto writing their own non-chronological report which uses paragraphs and includes plurals, noun phrases, conjunctions, and determiners. Next, the children will be completing a new fiction unit where they will develop their story writing skills and practise using adverbs! Throughout the half term, we will be working on improving our joined-up handwriting and trying to replicate this within all of our written work!

In Year 3, we will begin the term by reading 'Rainbow Grey', written by Laura Ellen Anderson.

History: Ancient Egypt

In History, we are going to be learning all about Ancient Egypt. We will start this unit by locating Egypt on a map and on a timeline. We will also learn all about what life was like in Ancient Egypt, trade, Tutankhamun, and the mummification process through mummifying a tomato! At the end of this half term, we will be visiting New Walk Museum and will complete a workshop with artefacts!

Mathematics



In Mathematics, Year 3 will conclude their work on measures and will be learning to measure volume using millilitres and litres. Next, they will learn all about money and time. The children will be building on recognising different denominations (both notes and coins) and the simple addition and subtraction of sums of money. We will next move onto: telling the time using a.m. and p.m., telling time to the nearest minute, using analogue and digital time and using both the minute and hour hands. Pupils will then learn to use the 24-hour clock. We will also measure and compare time in seconds, hours and minutes.

In our Morning Work, children will be working on their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Science: Light

In Science, children will be learning about light. They will begin by revising what light sources are before learning that they need light to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will investigate the best materials for a reflective jacket and deliver a presentation about ways to protect their eyes from the sun. Finally, children will learn about shadows; they will look for patterns in the way that the size of the shadows change.

Art: Drawing

In Art, we are learning how to sketch. We are learning from the artist Walt Disney, and how he drew the original Disney characters before they became animated. We are going to learn about tones, light and dark, hatching, scribbling and stippling, before drawing our own version of a Disney character. At the end of the unit, they will evaluate their work, reflecting upon their skill development.

PE

In PE, the children will be completing two different units. These will be dance and badminton. In dance, the children will focus on their balance skills and create a simple dance with their partners. They will also develop their accuracy, agility, and hand-eye coordination in their badminton lessons.

P.E is on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a P.E kit in school on those days.

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 3 include:

history
Egypt
hatching
beat
stippling
sketching

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Using Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots.
- ❖ Asking your child what they learnt in school each day.

RE



The first RE topic this half term is called 'Visitors' where the children will learn all about how Christians live throughout the liturgical year. After this, we will be completing an 'Other Faiths' unit on Sikhism. Towards the end of this half term, we will begin a unit called 'Listening and Sharing' where the children will begin to learn how we listen and share ideas during mass and retell Gospel stories. We will continue with our Liturgical Prayer, where the children plan and lead worship in the classroom.

PSHE

In our Circle Time sessions, we will be thinking about lots of different areas of PSHE. This will include the themes of: epiphany, discipleship and how we inspire others around us.



Computing/Music



In Year 3, we will start off the half term by completing our Coding unit. After this, we will begin a unit on 'Simulations' where the children will have the opportunity to explore, make predictions and evaluate different simulations. Once we have finished Computing, we will begin our Music unit. The children will be playing warm-up games focusing on the dimensions of music. They will then begin to learn the song a disco song about friendship, peace, unity and hope called 'Bringing Us Together'.