

This half term Year 3 are learning about:



English

This half term in English, we will be focussing on writing a diary and writing our own set of instructions. During these units, we will be having a grammar focus on the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense. We will also be focussing on proof reading, the present and past progressive tenses and the correct spelling of -ing words, as well as concentrating on using both a or an correctly. In our spelling lessons, we are going to be using prefixes and learning the correct spellings of a range of homophones.

In Story Time, we will be finishing off 'Rainbow Grey' and then our new class book will be 'Dog Detective' by Julia Donaldson, which will be followed by 'The Fire Cats of London' by Anna Fargher.

Geography: Countries of the World

In Geography, we will be learning all about the countries of the world! We will start off by learning all about the 7 continents of the world and find these on our own maps. We will be using atlases to find countries within these continents too. We will locate capital cities, find physical and human features and compare different countries!

Mathematics



This half term in Maths, Year 3 will continue to practise telling the time on analogue and 24-hour clocks. They will also measure and compare time in seconds, hours and minutes and convert units of time. Afterwards, they will learn to read, interpret and draw different types of graphs before spending a week exploring lines and shapes, identifying parallel and perpendicular lines. This is followed by a focus on calculating the perimeter of figures where we will measure and calculate the length around the outside of shapes.

During our Morning Work activities, children will be focussing on their arithmetic skills which include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. This also includes accessing TTRS and Numbots.

Science: Light and Forces

In Science, we will begin the term by finishing our topic on Light. The children will be learning about shadows and investigating what makes a shadow. After this, we will begin our topic on Forces. We will be learning about friction, what a force is and how different objects move on different surfaces.

DT – Food and nutrition – Bread

In DT, our topic is all about food and nutrition. We will learn about the history of bread and conduct our own customer research. Using this information, we will design and create our own bread. Finally, we will prepare and cook our bread and then evaluate it to explain how we could improve our design next time.

PE

In P.E, one of our topics will be basketball. The children will be learning to move the ball using different techniques and how to pass and shoot with increasing accuracy. They will end the unit taking part in competitive games. We will also complete a topic on gymnastics. During this topic, children will improve their balance, flexibility and stamina. We have P.E on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit.

Key Vocabulary

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

- continents
- countries
- Lent
- resurrection
- shade

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Play TTRS or Numbots for 10 minutes daily.
- ❖ Complete homework, including spelling activities.

RE



In Year 3, the children will start by learning about the Eucharist in their topic, 'Listening and Sharing'. During this topic, they will continue to learn all about the different parts of Mass. They will then move on to the Lent topic of 'Giving All' which will teach children about reconciliation and preparing for Easter.

Year 3 will also take part in an Easter production, where we will act out the Easter story.

PSHE

We will continue to share our Mission Circles on a Monday and Friday. The themes for the half term are also explored during our weekly class Circle Time. We will be thinking about the following: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, sacrifice and journey. We will also look at the British value – rule of law.

Music

We will be finishing our Music topic during this half term. We will be using our voices to learn different reggae songs. We will appraise songs by Bob Marley, listening out for different instruments within the backing tracks. After this, we will use recorders to improvise.