

This half term Year 3 are learning about:



English

In English, the children will begin the term by finishing their last unit based on 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' by Ian Eagleton & James Mayhew. Afterwards, they will study 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg. In this unit, the outcomes will include diary entries, dialogue, setting description, captions and titles. Finally, they'll read 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson. In this unit, the outcomes will include Lost posters, dialogue, setting and character descriptions, ledger entries, instructions and writing letters of warning. Spelling focuses will include, different suffixes, revising apostrophes and also the Y3/4 Statutory Words. In Whole Class Reading, the children will finish looking at 'Africa Amazing Africa' and begin to look at 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith. In Story Time, we will finish reading 'Stink: WORST. FAIRY. EVER' by Jenny McLachlan and begin to read 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler & Steven Lenton.

Mathematics



This half term in maths, Year 3 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. Lastly, the children will start to learn about fractions. They will begin the unit by counting in tenths and then understanding fractions as division. Afterwards, they will move on to finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set and looking at sharing 1 and more than 1. They'll end the half term by exploring equivalent fractions and look at simplifying fractions before comparing fractions with different denominators. During our Morning Work, the children will be focussing on their arithmetic skills.

History: Ancient Greece

In History, the children will be learning who the Ancient Greeks were and place their civilisation in time. We will then move onto understanding the different types of government in Ancient Greece, comparing the two city-states of Athens and Sparta. We will also use sources to find out about daily life in Greece, find out about religion, and explore the legacy of Greek scholars and philosophers.

Science: Forces and Rocks

In Science, we will start the term by completing our unit on Forces and Magnets. Afterwards, we will begin our unit on Rocks and Fossils. The children will briefly learn about the three different types of rock and how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties, as well as planning and conducting an investigation.

Art:

In Art, the children will be looking at the work of Kazimir Malevich. We'll start the unit by exploring collages by Kazimir and exploring the skills used in collage, including overlapping, tessellation mosaic and montage. Then we will move onto planning and making our own collage in the style of Malevich using the skills we have practised. Finally, Year 3 will reflect on their work and evaluate their collage.

PE

This term, Year 3 will be doing both tag rugby and cricket in P.E. During these lessons, they will work on throwing, catching, hitting and striking, developing their accuracy with these.

A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school. This must include an outdoor kit. PE kit should be a plain white t shirt, black shorts, black joggers and a black sweatshirt.

Trainers should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.

Key Vocabulary

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

- Pentecost
- Athens
- vocation
- democracy
- reconciliation
- numerator
- denominator

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's first topic will be called 'Energy'. In this topic, the children will be able to retell the story of the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will also be able to describe some ways in which Christians live when they use the energy and gifts of the Holy Spirit. In our next topic, 'Choices', we will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and begin to make links to show how feelings and beliefs affect our own and others' decisions about choices and their consequences.

We will also explore another faith, Islam, during this half term.

RSHE

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: Mercy, Faith, Vocation, Witness, Example/Social Media, Communication and Pentecost.

Computing/RSE

This half term, Year 3 will spend the first few weeks looking at 'Simulations'. In this unit, the children will learn to explore simulations, recognise patterns within simulations, make and test predictions and finally evaluate a simulation to determine its usefulness for purpose. After this, we will begin RSE. The children will learn all about positive relationships and what they look like, developing awareness of bullying, how to use technology safely and how to develop independence safely.