

Year 3 are learning about:



English

In English, Year 3 will start the term by looking at 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. Throughout this unit, the children will be taught explicit spelling (through vocabulary acquisition) and grammar objectives, as well as drama techniques, such as thought tapping. The children will create diary entries as Sophie and write a new chapter/own version of what might happen before creating their own 'giant' story. Afterwards, the children will study 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. During the sequence, the children will explore the main character and the journey he goes through in clearing up the rubbish around his little house and transforming it into a beautiful forest of tin. They will also write in role as the old man, producing diary entries and wishes and write a postcard to him to pass on some advice. The sequence of learning finishes with children writing a persuasive piece to encourage others to protect an area in the local environment. In Spelling, we will have 20-minute phonic sessions daily and 3 x 30 minutes Guided Reading sessions. We will also have daily handwriting to improve our letter formation and presentation. Our class book this half term will be 'Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet' by Zanib Mian.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, Year 3 are going to look at multiplication and division. The pupils will start the unit by covering the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Afterwards, they will then apply their understanding of multiplication and division to solve word problems. Finally, they will learn how to multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit, as well as dividing a 2-digit number. In Year 3, the children are expected to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables alongside the 2, 5 and 10 times tables they learnt in Year 2. The children will also continue to develop their arithmetic skills during Morning Work/arithmetic tests. Learning (and practising) timetables at home would really help your child.

Geography: Our European Neighbour

In Geography, we are going to complete a unit of work called 'Our European Neighbour'. During this unit, we will be looking where Europe is on a map, finding out the capital cities of European countries and identifying similarities and differences between England and France. We will be using maps, atlases, and the globe to help us!

Science: Plants

In Science, we will be learning all about plants. We are going to find out about the different parts of a flowering plant, how plants grow and how to keep plants alive! The children will also learn about pollination, seed dispersal and water transportation. During this topic, we will be planning and completing an investigation with a focus on how plants grow.

DT

In D.T, Year 3 will find out what bridges are and discover the names of many famous bridges around the world. They will also be looking at the different structures of bridges and the different shapes that are used to make them strong. Finally, the children will be researching and designing their own bridge, before building their own.

PE

In PE, the children will be completing two different units. These will be dance and gymnastics. The children will focus on their balance skills and create a simple dance with their partners. They will develop their strength and flexibility as well as sequencing in their gymnastics lessons.

P.E lessons are 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:

- cycle
- confusion
- sequence
- Europe
- function
- structure
- symbol

Music

In Music, we will spend 4 weeks looking at a reggae unit called 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. In this unit, the children will listen to and appraise several reggae songs, sing the song 'Three Little Birds', learn 'A' and 'G' on the recorder and perform 'Three Little Birds' using recorders as a class.

RE



The first topic in RE this half term is called 'Promises'. The children will learn about 'Baptism' and making a promise to God. Afterwards, we'll explore another faith: Judaism. In these lessons, the children will discover what a Synagogue is, as well as exploring inside a Synagogue whilst visiting the 'Leicester Hebrew Congregation' in Highfields. Our final topic of the term is called 'Journeys'. The children will focus on story of the Nativity and use religious words and phrases to describe religious actions and symbols connected with the liturgical season of Advent.

PSHE

In our Mission Circles/Circle Time, we will be exploring the following themes: compassion, accompaniment, remembrance, youth, kingdom, hope, peace and joy. In all these areas, the children will discuss the key concept and reflect on how it relates to their own lives.

Latin

The children will spend the final three lessons in Latin learning about how to use verbs to talk in Latin, finding out about slaves in Roman times and relating the story of Pandora's box to what is happening in the world today.

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Learn times tables.
- ❖ Complete weekly homework tasks.