

This half term Year 3 are learning about:



English

In English, Year 3 will start the term by reading 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. In this unit, the children will look at the Pied Piper of Hamelin and sequence the key events using a storyboard, prepare reports on rats in response to a request from the mayor, and plan and write their own stories in the same style. In our second unit, the children will study 'The Last Garden' by Rachel Ip. In this unit, the children will write in a range of genres, building towards writing their own version of this narrative about a community overcoming adversity. In Spelling, we will have 20-minute phonic sessions daily and 3 x 30 minutes Guided Reading sessions per week. We will also have 3 sessions of handwriting per week to improve our handwriting and presentation. Our class book this half term will be 'Anisha, Accidental Detective' by Serena Patel.

History: Ancient Egypt

In History, we will learn about Ancient Egypt. We'll start the unit by locating Egypt on a map, and then move onto finding out about what life was like in Ancient Egypt, the importance of the River Nile, who Tutankhamun was, historical artefacts and Ancient Egyptian's beliefs in life after death. Throughout the unit, the children will improve their historical enquiry skills, as well as their chronological and historical understanding.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, Year 3 will start the term by measuring 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 simple addition and subtraction of sums of money. Afterwards, the children will tell the time using a.m. and p.m., telling the time to the nearest minute, using analogue and digital time and 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.

The children will also continue to develop their arithmetic skills to 100 during Maths Mastery every afternoon.

Science: Light

In Science, the children will be learning about light. They will start the topic by recapping 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: Printing

In Art, we will be looking at the work of William Morris and his use of design and print. Firstly, we will explore who Morris was and some of his most famous pieces. This will allow us to explore some of the different printing techniques that were used. Having this understanding will allow the children to design their own tile prints and eventually create their own wallpaper.

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. In badminton, they will develop their accuracy, agility, and hand-eye coordination.

P.E is on a Thursday 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
- printing
- reflective
- shadow
- analogue

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Reading daily.
- ❖ Practise your Times Tables on Purple Mash.
- ❖ Completing weekly homework tasks.

RE



The first RE topic this half term is called 'Journeys' where the children will learn all about how Christians live throughout the liturgical year.

The second RE topic this half term is 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 following themes: Epiphany, Baptism, Discipleship, Scripture, Humility and Diversity. In all these areas, the children will discuss the key concept and reflect on how it relates to their own lives.



Music/Computing



At the start of the term, we will begin our second music unit called 'Bringing us Together' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. The children will be playing warm-up games focusing on the dimensions of music. They will then begin to learn a disco song about friendship, peace, unity and hope. Afterwards, Year 3 will begin their first computing unit called 'Online Safety' unit where children will be taught how to keep themselves safe online.