

This half term Year 3 are learning about:



English

In English, the children will begin the term by finishing their last unit based on 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg. In this unit, written outcomes will include diary entries, dialogue, a setting description, captions and titles.

Next, 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.

In Spelling, we will have 20-minute phonic sessions daily and we will also have several sessions of handwriting per week to improve our handwriting and presentation.

In Whole Class Reading, the children will continue to look at 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith. In Story Time, we will continue reading 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler & Steven Lenton.

Mathematics



This half term in maths, Year 3 will learn how to calculate the perimeter of figures where they will measure and calculate the length around the outside of shapes. Next, 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.

The children will also continue with their Mastering Number sessions.

This half term, they will learn the following: how to find the sum in addition equations with three addends, two of which sum to 10; subtract by finding missing addends and compare strategies for a range of calculations.

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 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. They will also investigate, grouping rocks based on their properties and making careful observations and recordings.

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 studying tag rugby and cricket in P.E.

In tag rugby they will work on throwing and catching the ball in different ways. They will also learn how to keep and win back possession of the ball in a team game.

In cricket, they will work on catching, gathering, hitting, batting and striking. Please remember that a PE kit is needed every day to be left in school and that 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:

- legacy
- Ascension
- numerator
- denominator

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Daily reading.
- ❖ Complete weekly homework tasks.
- ❖ Play 'Hit the Button' to practise your times tables.

RE



In Year 3, the children's topic this half term 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. Each week, Year 3 will also have two Celebrations of the Word led by Miss Johnson and the children. These will incorporate aspects of worship, scripture reading, and reflection.

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 themes: Mercy, Faith, Vocation and Witness.

RSE

This half term, Year 3 will begin RSE. The children will learn all about positive relationships and what they look like, develop their awareness and understanding of bullying, and explore how to use technology safely and how to develop independence safely.