

# This half term Year 3 are learning about:



## English

In English, the children in Year 3 will begin the term by looking at 'Jim, A Cautionary Tale' by Hilaire Belloc. In this unit, the children will start by exploring a range of scenarios and their consequences, before warning the main character (Jim) about the consequences of his actions. Later in the sequence of learning, children will write a letter of apology from Jim to his Nurse. They will also perform sections of the narrative poem before creating their own cautionary tale. Afterwards, the children will move onto looking at 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. In this unit, the children will analyse the language and word choices used in the text, as well as discussing the illustrations. They'll create their own descriptions and poems, as well as writing a fantasy narrative. In Whole-Class Reading, the children will study 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. For their class book, they will continue to read 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler & Steven Lenton.

## Geography: Rainforests

In Geography, the children will be learning about rainforests. They will start off by exploring the layers of vegetation in a rainforest and investigating the climate of the rainforest. Then they will learn about the people and settlements of the rainforest. They will end the unit by exploring why the rainforest is under threat and the measures taken to protect it.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, Year 3 will continue to look at fractions. They will start the term by learning to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within 1 whole. After this, they'll solve word problems involving fractions. In week 3, we will have an assessment week, where the children will take end of year test papers. After assessment week, the children will move on to revising topics studied throughout the year, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, time, money, fractions, volume, length, mass, and perimeter. The children will also continue with their Mastering Number sessions where they'll continue to subtract by finding missing addends and compare strategies for a range of calculations. During our Morning Work activities, children will be continuing to focus on developing their arithmetic skills.

## Science: Rocks and Fossils

In Science, we will continue with our topic from last term, 'Rocks and Fossils'. For the remainder of the topic, the children will make careful observations of rocks in the local environment as well as gathering and recording data. Afterwards, they'll find out about the life of Palaeontologist, Mary Anning. Finally, they'll end their topic by finding out about fossils, making their own fossils, and comparing different types of soils.

## DT-Weaving

In DT, Year 3 will start the term by exploring the craft of weaving and using paper to investigate weaving. They will then move on to designing their own decorative woven wall hanging, which they will make and evaluate against their original design

## PE

In PE, Year 3 will be doing athletics and rounders. In athletics, the children will continue to develop techniques to throw for increased distance, accuracy and control. In rounders, the children will learn to throw in a different way and how to play a striking and fielding game fairly.

A PE kit is needed every day and should 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 half term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 3 include:

- canopy
- vegetation
- rainforests
- fossils
- climate
- weaving

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Complete weekly homework tasks.
- ❖ Practise x3, x4 and x8 times tables.

## RE/PSHE



In RE, Year 3 will start the term by beginning a new unit called 'Creation and Covenant'. In this topic, the children will look at the first creation story from Genesis and make simple links between the first Creation story, the belief that all human beings are created equal, and an expression of the principle of Catholic Social Teaching about human dignity. They will also recognise how in 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis teaches that human beings are called to have a loving relationship with God, with each other, and with the world.

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.

## PSHE

This half term, Year 3 will continue to share our Mission Circles on a Monday and a Friday. The themes for this half term include the following: Communication, Pentecost, Trinity, Eucharist, Missionary Discipleship, Individual Liberty and Support.

## RSE

In RSE, Year 3 will start the half term by learning about what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable and how to respond. The children will also find out about harmful substances, and how we should look after our bodies and be careful about what we consume. Next, they'll move on to looking at how to react in an emergency. Year 3 will end the term by knowing that God wants his Church to love and care for others.