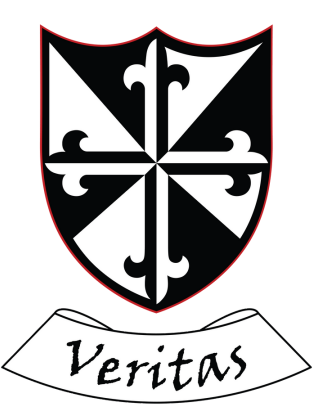


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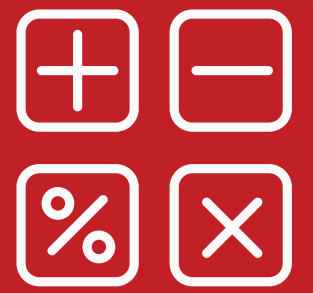
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Mathematics

In Mathematics, Year 3 will be looking 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 benefit your child.



English



In English, Year 3 will start the term by looking at 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. Throughout this unit, the children will write diary entries and creating their own giant story. Afterwards, the children will study 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. During this sequence, the children will write diaries, postcards and a persuasive piece to encourage others to protect an area in the local environment. In Spelling, this term we will be revising the prefix 'un', practise spelling words from the Y3/4 statutory spelling list, looking at homophones, spelling words with the 'ei' sound and looking at the prefixes 'mis' and 're'.

Religious Education

We will spend the first week of the half term exploring another faith: Judaism. In these lessons, the children will discover what a Synagogue is, as well as visiting the Leicester Hebrew Congregation in Highfields. Afterwards, we will begin Branch 2 called 'Prophecy and Promise'. In this unit, the children will recognise that Sunday is a holy day for Christians and make simple links between the story of Creation and Sunday as a day of rest. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate mass, how Joseph puts his trust in God when the angel appears, make links between the angel's message about Jesus and the words of the prophet Isaiah. Finally, they will learn how angels bring God's message in the gospels of St Matthew and St Luke.



Reading



We will have guided reading three times per week, based around a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts. During this time, the children will develop their reading skills to improve their reading.

Our class book this half term will be 'Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet' by Zanib Mian.

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.



Music / Latin



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

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.



Art & Design Technology - Bridges

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.

Geography- Our European Neighbours

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!



Physical Education

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 Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a P.E kit in school on those days.

PSHE

In Personal Development this half term, the children will learn that know that there are different types of relationships, including family, friends and others. They will develop a greater awareness of bullying (physical and emotional), and understand that all bullying is wrong. The children will also learn how to use technology safely, what is good and not good to share online and understand how they can stay safe and get help from a trusted adult. Finally, they will know that if they feel unsafe, they can and should seek out a trusted adult for help and support.



Key Vocabulary

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| · cycle | · confusion | · sequence |
| · Europe | · function | · structure |
| · symbols | | |

Class Notices

- Synagogue trip- Wednesday 29th October 2025
- Indian Dancing Day- Thursday 30th October 2025
- Pork Pie Library Visit- Thursday 6th November 2025
- Vue Cinema trip- Tuesday 25th November 2025



How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading with your child.
- Help your child learn their times tables- x3, x4, x8
- Support your child with their weekly homework tasks.