



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Term 5

Maths

In maths, we will be learning how to use column subtraction. We will learn when it is quicker to use a mental method compared to a column method. Next, we will be learning about fractions. We be learning how to shade in fractions of a shape, before comparing fractions with different numerators. We will identify when fractions can not be compared before moving on to solve problems involving fractions. We will continue to practice our 2,5 and square times tables every day, so that children can recall these rapidly.

RE

In RE this term, we will be exploring the religion of Judaism. Our enquiry question we will be focusing on is 'How do Jewish beliefs, teaching and stories impact on daily life?' This will cover what Jewish people eat and behave in their daily lives primarily following the Torah and further scripture.

English

We will look at a different style of persuasive writing based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' this term. We will learn how to use persuasive features such as commands and rhetorical questions before devising our own characters and describing how they are feeling. We will learn lots of new words to describe feelings throughout this unit. Following this, we will be looking at The Miraculous Journey of Edward Turlane to create poetic writing.

Music

In music, we will be focusing on the notes C-D-E and four rhythmic durations. We will make simple yet effective music using just a handful of elements, how to read and understand notation to capture compositions, and how to structure ideas. The resulting music will sound a little like a 20th-century American musical movement called minimalism.

Spanish

This Spanish unit is called 'La Fruta'. We will learn how to say different fruits in Spanish. We will be building simple vocabulary and expressing opinions.

D&T

This term in D&T, we will be cooking! We will be making sandwiches for a picnic. First, we will taste and assess different fillings, before combining combinations to make our own healthy sandwich.

Science

We will learn what plants need to grow, design our own space farm and plan experiments to see which conditions plants grow in best! We will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants, including roots, stem/trunk, leaves, and flowers. We will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients, and space) and how they vary from plant to plant.

PE

Our sports coaches will be teaching the unit of 'Strike, React, Rally'. This will support the development of hand eye coordination, using catching, tracking, chasing, striking and aiming. We will also be completing the unit of 'Accuracy, Power, Distance'. We will Explore a range of throwing techniques and consider the differences needed to achieve throwing for accuracy, throwing for power and throwing for distance.

Computing

We will be using desktop publishing to create a magazine cover. Learn how to use templates, as well as different fonts and colours. Using the pre-made documents, we will work to improve them using different layouts and images whilst considering how different existing magazine layouts communicate certain messages.

Home Learning

Children are expected to read at least 4 times a week at home. Children have a book which matches their reading level. They complete a short quiz at school once they have finished their book letting us see their progress. There will also be a continuation of maths and spelling home learning. This will be given out on Friday to be returned by the following Thursday.



History

We will be exploring the ancient Greeks during history! Learning about the legacy of the Greeks including Alexander the Great, the Olympics and magnificent Greek buildings. We will develop our timeline skills, looking at the difference between BC and AD. We will also learn about the Greek gods and how they influenced ancient Greek daily life.

PSHE

This term, we start our PSHE unit called Our World. We will explore different ways to look after our planet and how to recycle and pick up our rubbish. Our following topic will be fire safety. We will explore how we can keep our homes safe from the risk of fire and what to do in the event of a fire.