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English



Writing - In Spring 1, our English units will mainly link with our PSHE topic which focuses on nutrition and a balanced diet. Year 3 will also retell a fiction story 'Little Red Riding Hood' from the wolf's perspective.

In Spring 2, our English topic will link with our Science unit about rocks and soils:

- we will research information about rocks
- we will plan and carry out an investigation
- we will apply technical vocabulary within our non fiction writing.

Reading - Our focus text for Spring 1 is 'The Hodgehog' written by Dick King-Smith. In Spring 2, we will read 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

During Guided Reading the children will apply the following strategies:

- Develop fluency by exploring different reading strategies;
- Improve their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

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Miss Bigby (YGL) - 3B

Mrs Nair - 3N

Mr Chesters - 3C

Miss Asghar - 3A



In Year 3, we continue to support pupils in all areas of the curriculum. We aim for pupils to be confident and independent learners.

We continue to thank parents for your partnership with our school and your involvement in your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Computing



Children will follow on Autumn's learning of programming a simple animation. They will learn how to debug and fix problems on a computer program by using the correct coding.

Maths

In Maths we aim to master these concepts:

- multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 & 8
- multiplying and dividing 2 digit number with regrouping
- length

Children must go home and practise what they learn in class. They must also learn their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by heart.



Science

Our first topic is 'animals including humans':

- We will explore the types of nutrition animals and humans need
- We will learn the reasons why humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Our second topic will be 'Rocks'.

We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.



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R.E/PSHE

R.E. - We will learn about how Jesus and Buddha made their followers stop and think through stories, sayings and events. Children will develop their understanding of Jewish festivals and special days through exploring a variety of Jewish objects and stories.

PSHE - Children will learn how to create a healthy packed lunch and balanced diet.



3B - Tuesdays/Wednesdays

3N - Thursdays/Fridays

3C - Tuesdays/Fridays

3A - Wednesdays/Thursdays

Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday they will take it home to wash on a Friday.

Art/Music



Art - The children will be studying and creating their own cave paintings, which will link with our Science unit about rocks, as well as our History unit of the Stone-age.

Music - Ukele lessons will continue to be provided on a weekly basis.

Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

Reading - For the children to progress in their reading, they need to read aloud daily. Please write a short comment in their reading log to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

Spellings - Weekly spellings should be practiced at home daily, using the Read, Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy.

English - Please check your child's homework book. Homework will relate to the unit of work for that week. We expect a high standard of writing, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

Maths - Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week. They must learn their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times table.

Children also need to learn their times tables off by heart at home.

Speak Up! - A poem will be given to learn off by heart at the beginning of each half term. This will be performed in an assembly each half term.



History



Our topic for Spring 2 will be about the Stone Age:

- Exploring the bronze, stone and iron age
- Learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Educational Visits

This term Year 3 will be visiting Kidzania, which will offer jobs whilst earning the Kidzania currency 'kidzos'. The children will also get to meet real-life police officers, nurses and many more professionals at the Kidzania job fair. This is a fantastic hands-on learning experience for the children. It is also a great opportunity to role play different real-life roles!