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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
- plan and carry out an investigation
- apply technical vocabulary within our non fiction writing.

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

During Guided Reading the children will:

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

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2018/19

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In year 3, we continue to support all 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 continue with the Autumn's learning of programming of a simple animation. They will learn how to debug and fix problems on a computer programme by using the correct coding.

Maths

In Maths we aim to master:

- Length
- Mass
- Volume
- Money
- Time

Children must be secure in their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children should use Timestable Rockstars to practise their timetables and try to beat their previous best scores.



Science

Our first unit is 'Animals including humans' We will explore:

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

Our second unit 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. - In Spring 1 we will learn about how Jesus and Buddha made their followers stop and think, through stories, sayings and events. In Spring 2 children will develop their understanding of Hindu festivals and special days.

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



Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday. They will take it home to wash on a Friday. Please ensure that your child has their name and class written on all pieces of their uniform.

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 - Flutophone 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. It is important that the children use a dictionary to find the meanings of words, and then to extend themselves they should look for synonyms and antonyms.

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 and presentation, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

Maths - Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week.

Speak Up! - A poem will be given to learn off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term. Please encourage your children to speak using full sentences.



History

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

Children will:

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

Educational Visits

This term Year 3 will be visiting Trift Farm in Spring 1. The children will also have an opportunity to go to KidZania in Spring 2 for Science Week. Kids can become experts in veterinary care at the **Pet Wellbeing Centre**, where they will learn to identify and address animal welfare needs, as well as good pet nutrition in Lily's Kitchen and even perform surgery on a patient in **PDSA's Pet Hospital!** Here kids will also learn about the different animal groups and the classification of animals.

Surgeons at the **Hospital** will learn how to save a life in the operating theatre! Using specialist medical equipment and tools, the team of young doctors will play an important role in helping our patients work towards a quick and healthy recovery! Whilst learning the function of different body parts, organs, survival needs and good health, they will become an expert of the human body.