



Year 3 Curriculum Information
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English

During English this term, we will be focusing on non-chronological reports. Pupils will learn about organisational features of a report and how to research and present information in non-fictional context. They will also practice skills in developing paragraphs around a theme. Later in the term, pupils will be engaging in various speaking, listening and performance activities based on their Easter Production. In all units of work, there will be a strong emphasis on the development of sentence structure, grammar and spellings. During Book Week, pupils will be producing work based on a chosen author.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be looking at different methods of addition and subtraction. There will be a particular focus on fractions and decimals. We will also explore position, direction and movement. Pupils will continue to consolidate their knowledge of multiplication and division facts and further on in the term use this knowledge to solve simple algebra problems. They will develop their understanding of measures (including length, area and perimeter) and data handling. Pupils will be given opportunities to link these topics to real life experiences and solve problems using practical skills.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating living things. Within this unit, children will discuss and investigate what plants need to grow and the different parts of a plant and their functions. We will also investigate animals and humans with a focus on muscles and nutrition. This will include discussions on what makes a 'balanced diet' and how water and nutrients are passed through the bodies of animals. Pupils will also learn about the human skeleton and its role alongside muscles in movement, support and protection. Throughout all units of work, pupils will be learning how to conduct experiments, record their results and evaluate their findings.

Humanities

In History, Year 3 will be learning about the Iron Age in Britain. This includes the Celts settlement in Britain and how they lived their everyday lives. The pupils will experience a day in the life of a Celtic settler during their educational visit to Celtic Harmony. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore and compare the lives of Celts with their own, as well as any impacts on modern day society.

Art and Design & Technology

Pupils will be developing their drawing and painting skills in Art this term. They will be focusing on skills such as colour mixing, texture and printing. Further on in the term children will be taking part in the common drawing task which gives them a chance to showcase their artistic ability and the knowledge they have acquired over the term.

In Design and Technology, children will be mastering practical skills in mechanics where they will have the chance to design and make a product helping to enhance evaluating skills.

ICT

Pupils will engage in ICT throughout all areas of the curriculum through the use of the class iPads and laptops. They will also be developing their understanding of coding and programming and be given opportunities to put this into practice.

Physical Education and Games

During PE this term, pupils will be developing their hand/eye coordination in badminton as well as flexibility and balance in gymnastics. They will be given the opportunity to create and observe routines; children will be encouraged to consider rhythm and working in groups to create movement sequences. Later in the term, pupils will begin to take part in track and field events.

PSHE & Philosophy

Weekly Philosophy and PSHE sessions will continue to take place. Children will be given the opportunity to ask questions and listen and reflect upon others' ideas. This term in PSHE and Philosophy, topics will include finding out about why people smoke, the physical effects of smoking and the introduction of No smoking policies. In the second half of the term, the children will be learning about staying safe and the benefits of being physically active. These lessons will focus on global issues, as well as our termly values which are Friendship and Excellence.

Religious Education

Pupils will be exploring the religion of Islam and living as a Muslim. Pupils will also be looking at their own identity and any beliefs that they and their families follow.

Spanish

Pupils will be continuing to develop their grasp of the Spanish language and culture through practical and interactive lessons with Mrs. Soria. This term there will be a particular focus on learning numbers, days of the week and months of the year. During the second half of the term, children will have the opportunity to practice their speaking and listening through role play and conversations about feelings, ages and birthdays.

Music

Pupils will be learning and practicing musical songs, which they will perform at the end of the term in their Easter Production. The songs will be practiced regularly in music lessons and children will be given the opportunity to develop their confidence in performing in front of others.

How can you help us?

Please ensure pupils complete and hand in their homework weekly whilst also returning their home reading books and signed diary (with a comment from the parents) on their allocated day. It is also essential that pupils are given the opportunity and encouraged to use skills such as times tables in everyday situations in order to gain a deeper understanding, as well as practicing these on a regular basis. If you have any further questions, please feel free to seek guidance from your class teacher or lovely teaching assistance.

