



Year 3 Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2017

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English

This term, we will be writing stories with a focus on myths and legends: identifying the features of this genre and writing our own versions. We will be learning to write descriptively, using adjectives and similes to convey an image to the reader. We will also embed the skill of developing settings and plots within a story. Additionally, we will be learning to write instructions and poetry. To develop speaking and listening skills, we will engage in role play; presentation based activities and learning and performing poetry. In all units of work, the teaching of grammar and spellings will be applied to context. There will be a strong focus on spelling throughout the year and children will take part in isolated spelling lessons 2-3 times a week.

Reading is a key focus this year and all children will be undertaking skills-based learning and learning to explain their understanding of a text.

Mathematics

Initially, there will be a focus on place value, involving knowing the value of each digit in two and three digit numbers. We will then be learning efficient methods for addition and subtraction. We will also explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes, recognising them in different orientations as well as using the correct terminology to describe position, direction and movement. We will continue to consolidate knowledge of multiplication and division facts, using this knowledge to solve simple missing number problems in algebra. We will also develop an understanding of measures, fractions and data handling through practical lessons whereby children will be given the opportunity to use and apply measuring skills. There will be opportunities to link these topics to real life experiences and solve problems using practical skills.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating magnets and forces. Within this unit, we will carry out experiments to gain a greater understanding of the concept of forces. During our materials unit, we will study rocks and fossils. Investigations will be carried out throughout the term to ensure a solid understanding of the need for fair testing.

Computing

Throughout all areas of the curriculum, we use iPads and laptops to source information and present findings. We will be following a coding programme to understand basic algorithms and use them to sequence events. Pupils will learn to recognise the services offered by the internet and to understand the use of web pages and can explain how web pages can be found. Pupils will also gain a basic knowledge of local networks, such as those used in a school.

Art and Design & Technology

In Art this term, we will be developing drawing and painting with a focus on our 'Take One Picture' unit of work. The painting for this year is 'Penelope with the Suitors' by 'Pintoriccho'. Children will have the opportunity to work with specialist Art teacher, Mrs Bebbington, throughout this unit of work. We will be focusing on skills such as colour mixing, texture and brush techniques. In Design and Technology, children will be mastering practical skills using construction linked to musical instruments. We will also be using skills for food preparation. This unit of work will link closely with our writing of instructions in Literacy.

Humanities

In Geography, we will be locating countries within Europe and investigating places of interest. We will be using maps, atlases and globes throughout the topic. We will also be looking at our local area and reflecting upon how this has changed over time.

Physical Education (PE)

During PE this term, we will be developing ball handling skills, such as dribbling. In dance, we will observe and critique dances as well as creating our own, considering, rhythm and movement between sequences and thinking about the social and historical importance of dance in some cultures. Children must remove earrings before each PE session, for health and safety reasons. Our PE days are as follows:

Maple – Tuesday and Thursday **Laurel** – Tuesday and Thursday **Hazel** – Tuesday and Friday

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) & Philosophy

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will take place weekly. In Philosophy, children will be encouraged to ask questions and listen and reflect upon others' ideas. PSHE lessons will focus on resolving conflict and being assertive, resisting pressure from others and taking responsibility for behaviour. These lessons will link closely with all of the school values but in particular, the values for this term which are 'Respect' and 'Friendship'.

Religious Education (RE)

We will be exploring the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. We will also be looking at stories of Jesus from the Bible.

Spanish

We are lucky to have Ms Soria teaching the children Spanish once a week. This term, children will continue to develop their understanding of Spanish cultures through fun and engaging lessons. They will focus on learning Spanish vocabulary for feelings and greetings. They will also learn about how Christmas traditions are celebrated in Spain.

Music

This term, children will be thinking about music in relation to culture, heritage and countries. They will follow the 'Inside Music Education Programme' whereby they will learn musical terms such as rhythm, tempo, pitch and dynamics through songs and musical games. Pupils will learn to appreciate a wide range of high quality live and recorded music from different genres.

How can you help us?

Please ensure children complete and hand in their homework weekly whilst also returning their home reading books and signed diary (with a comment from the parents). Reading diaries should be in every day and will be checked by staff on Fridays. It is also essential that children are given the opportunity and encouraged to use maths skills (such as times tables, time and use of money) in everyday situations in order to gain a deeper understanding.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to seek guidance from your class teacher or teaching assistant. All Year 3 classes will have the opportunity to change their books from the School Library on Thursdays. Please ensure your child looks after their library books with care and returns them to Mrs Harrison within a fortnight.

