

Over the next term, Year 3 Will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks.

English

This term we will be looking at 'The True Story Of The Three Little Pigs'. The children will explore this story to write their own twist on a fairy tale. Throughout the term we will also be focusing on our spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Our guided reading book Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll. We will be focussing on the VIPERS skills whilst reading the book together. We will then move into Rocks and Minerals which is a non fiction book. With this text we will be learning about features of non-fiction texts and how it differs from a fiction text.

Key aspects of The Write Stuff system include: building pupils' confidence with sentence structure and widening the repertoire of writing pupils' options. Pupils will gain an understanding of the 'whole' piece that they are writing and organisation of their ideas and cohesion between them will be strengthened.

Maths

This term children will be learning a range of skills around multiplication, division, measure and fractions. There will be a particular focus on formal written methods. Pupils will be given opportunities to apply their skills in reasoning and problem-solving tasks too.

Children will learn what a denominator and numerator are. We will compare unit fractions and find equivalent fractions. We will add and subtract fractions and solve reasoning problems.

The children will also be tested weekly on their times tables via the superhero testing scheme. Each week they will aim to beat a superhero in order to move on to battle the next hero. Once they have beaten a superhero, they will be given a certificate to take home.



Year 3

Our Learning Journey

**Spring Term
2024**

Science

In science, we are focussing on rocks and minerals. We will be learning about different types of rocks and their uses in everyday life. We will be able to identify rocks and their properties, know where rocks can be found and how they are created. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

New Vocabulary:

Igneous

Volcano

Sedimentary

Metamorphic

Meteorite

Glacier

Crystals/gems

History

This term we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians. In this unit children will learn about what life was like in Ancient Egypt. We will explore the social hierarchy of the time. We will also look at why the River Nile was so important, as well as learning to write in Hieroglyphics. We will explore the different Gods who were important to the Egyptians and will carry out research about some of the famous kings of this time.

New Vocabulary:

Egyptian

Hieroglyphics

River Nile

Pharaoh

Tomb,

Pyramid

PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Tuesday and Thursday**. We will be focusing on **gymnastics and ball games**.

Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day. Long hair should be tied back. Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Computing

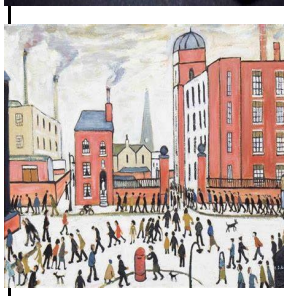
Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to . We will also learn about how to **stay safe online**. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices where the internet can be accessed.

PSHE

Our value this half term is 'Learning that Inspires' We will be looking at different people who inspire us, Our PSHE focus is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be discussing how we are all special and what makes us unique,

RE

We will be learning about Festivals and How to Give Thanks. In this unit, children will learn about festivals in different religions. They will learn how people give thanks within religions and discuss the importance of being thankful. They will be able to compare celebrations and explain why religions have different ways of celebrating thanks.



Extra curricular

We will be learning to play the violin in school on a Wednesday afternoon. This is a really exciting opportunity for our year 3 children and we are looking forward to hearing them play!

If your child would like to sign up for choir, it will be run after school on a Thursday. Please speak to Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Mundy or Mr Joshua.

Homework

Reading at home: We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books.

Poetry recital: Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—this improves their writing. Poetry often comes up in year 6 SATs so it is imperative that they are familiar with a range of different types of poetry, techniques and structures.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Donnelly

