

Year 3

Literacy

Across the school this half term, children will start their literacy lessons exploring the text, 'Coming to England'. Writing will take different forms with children producing diary entries, narrative pieces and recounts of their own experiences. Work will be shared and celebrated across the school, as all classes are studying this text. This half term Literacy lessons will also focus on creative writing; using a range of visual stimulus for writing. Children will have to consider different characters view points and will be considering a character's feelings as well as looking at describing different settings.

After half term, Year 3 will work on The Finger Eater unit and children will continue to develop understanding of narrative techniques and creativity. They will consider narrative devices used to convey characterisation and consider how writers structure their stories.

Through these topics, children will continue to build their range of vocabulary and think about the effect on the reader. Children will develop their use of punctuation and spellings.

All children will participate in whole class reading and small group targeted sessions of guided reading. They continue to have the opportunity to further their reading with an Accelerated Reader book, which they can also take home. Children will complete quizzes on finished books collecting the words from each book they read.

Maths

This term we will start by looking at perimeter and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. By half term, children will be confident with these topics.

Throughout maths lessons, children are expected to explain methods and justify their answers. Children will be relating their knowledge across all areas of maths.

Please continue to support your child at home, children can independently access Mathletics to practise key areas of learning.

Foundation subjects

History and Geography will be taught on a half-termly basis. Our first topic will be the Thames Basin. Children will consider how the area surrounding the Thames has changed and developed over time. History will be after half term and the topic is the Stone Age. Children will explore what life was like in this time period.

Art will be taught this term. Art lessons for the first half term will be based on Landscapes and famous landscape artists. Art in half term 2 will link to History and focus on Cave Art. Children will learn colour and technique used in creating Stone Age art.

Year 3 French topics are Instruments and I can... This term, RE teaching centres on Christianity and touches on different stories of creation in world religions. PSHE learning explores the topics: dreams and goals and healthy me. The Computing topic for the term is using creative apps and dealing with data. E-safety and learning to use technology safely underpins our computing curriculum. In Music, the children will continue to follow the school Charanga scheme, which includes opportunities to play instruments as well as sing and compose.

Science

In science, we will be learning about Healthy body and Healthy eating. This topic will be followed with Classification of plants. Both topics will provide the children with opportunities to hypothesise, design and collect data, adapt and modify their ideas, carry out research, work independently or in a small group and extend their skills, knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live.

P.E

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. On a Wednesday, children will benefit from PE being taught by Gary the sports coach. Please ensure that your child comes to school on PE days wearing their PE kit and have suitable clothing for all weathers.

Homework

We will continue to give out creative homework based on our current topics. Children will have a selection of tasks to pick from and homework will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term.

If you have any questions, please come in after school or make an appointment with the office.

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