



Year 3 Summer Term

Science

This half term we will be studying 'Light and Shadow'. To begin our topic we will explore light and dark. We will predict the visibility of objects based on a variety of lighting conditions. Children will understand the terminology of transparent, translucent and opaque. Finally, we will explore shadows, describe how they are formed and understand that a shadow is formed by blocking light.

Geography

In geography we will be learning about rivers around the UK. We will use atlases to look at maps which help us to locate rivers and describe the features of the upper, middle and lower courses of rivers. We are also going to revisit four figure grid references and think about advantages and disadvantages of rivers.

R.S.H.E

In our Journey in Love sessions, we will be learning about forgiveness and reconciliation. We will explore the sacrament of penance and confession in relation to our friendships.

Computing

This half term we will be focusing on creating digital media. Children will combine a range of skills such as filming, editing and transition to create their own video retelling a familiar story. The following half term, children will focus on handling data in a database.

Music and Spanish

In Music, children will focus on pitch, patterns and structure. We will also explore the Samba with a focus on beats and rhythms.
In Spanish, children will be learning about leisure activities, with a focus on specific sports vocabulary.

Art and Design

Children will be focusing on sculpture this term. Children will make their own models.
In DT, Children will focus on textiles. We will be creating a pencil case out of material and will experiment with stitching techniques.

**Thank you for your support.
Miss Hogg and Mrs Otu**

English

Our focus text for English this half term is 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. This story links to Ancient Egypt. Children will be working on creating character descriptions from the text. We will focus on the use of tense in writing. Additionally, children will work towards writing a non-chronological report with the use of paragraphs, conjunctions and prepositions.
We will also be reading a variety of non-fiction texts about Ancient Egypt in our Reading sessions.

Mathematics

We will begin this half term with a unit on statistics, using bar charts, pictograms and tables. We will then focus on fractions. Children will be learning about equivalent fractions. They will then move onto comparing fractions and adding/subtracting fractions. We will then move on to the topic of time. Children will begin by looking at time in relation to years, months and days. They will then move on to using a clock face to read to the nearest 5 minutes, nearest minute and also identifying a duration of time.

Religious Education – To Know You More Clearly

This half term, children will be learning about how Bible Scripture links to the Mass which we have nowadays. We will also explore this through examining artwork and symbols which represent key events in the Bible.

P.S.H.E.

In PSHE we will be starting an 'Engage' topic. Children will set goals for themselves and work towards feeling good in order to do good for others. Children will discuss perseverance and resilience and what to do when things don't go to plan.

Physical Education

P.E. this half term will include tennis and cricket. In the following half term, children will take part in outdoor and adventurous activities alongside rounders.

Homework

We will continue to use our homework menus for homework projects.

Children also have logins for Reading Eggs/Eggspress.

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and write a comment in their reading record book.

Spellings will be sent home weekly – please encourage your child to practice their spellings ready for spelling tests each Friday. All spellings are also on our class page under Spelling Shed.