



Year 3

Autumn Term

September - December

Science

This term, we will be studying Animals Including Humans. We will start by exploring nutrition and balanced diets. We will compare the nutritional value of a variety of foods. We will also study skeletons and muscles; we will explore the purpose of skeletons and label a human skeleton. In addition, we will compare a variety of animal skeletons.

Geography / History

In Geography, Year 3 will be completing a Fieldwork unit, learning all about our local area. We will consider the purpose of land use and how to classify locations as 'urban', 'rural', or 'coastal' based on their human and physical geography. We will begin to develop map-reading skills, using four-figure grid references to locate things in our local area.

In History, Year 3 will explore the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will explore chronology through the use of timelines and compare farming, culture and travel through the different periods.

R.S.H.E

In our Journey in Love sessions this half term, we will be learning about how we grow when we are a part of caring friendships. We will describe and explain how friends make us feel happy and safe through characteristics such as kindness, respect and trust.

Computing

This half term we will be focusing on computer systems and networks. Children will learn what a network is, how a file travels, how a website works and how data is transferred through devices.

Music / Spanish

In music, children will play and perform using musical instruments and their voices. They will be developing accuracy, control and expression. Additionally, we will participate in ukulele lessons and choral singing. Our Spanish topic this half term is 'Self, Family and Friends'. We will learn the Spanish names of colours and apply them to real-life contexts. We will also learn the names of body parts.

Art and Design / Design Technology

This half term, children will focus on developing their drawing skills. We will discover how an artist observes objects. We will practice sketching, shading and creating texture through floral designs. In D/T, our focus is 'Cooking and Nutrition'. Children will prepare and cook their own bread.

English

We will be focusing on the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Children will develop descriptive language such as prepositions, personification and adverbs to build up to an independent writing task of describing the rainforest in the story. Children will also work towards writing a balanced argument, using conjunctions such as 'therefore', 'however' and 'because'.

We will also study the story 'UG', which is based on the Stone Age. Children will work towards a narrative using dialogue and a set of instructions using a range of grammatical techniques.

Mathematics

We will begin this half term with a unit on place value within 1000. Children will be learning about the value of digit, representing numbers in a variety of ways, counting in 100s and using a number line. We will then move onto comparing numbers and ordering numbers within 1000. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, focusing

Religious Education

Our first topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will look at Creation, humanity and how we are made in the image and likeness of God to take care of the Earth. We will then move on to 'Prophecy and Promise'. We will explore why Catholic's go to Mass on Sunday, with Sunday being the day of the Resurrection of Jesus.

P.S.H.E.

'Meet Your Brain' is the topic of our PSHE lessons this half term. We will explore if our brains are all the same, or different. We will learn how we can alter our thought process to deal with difficult situations. We will also explore just how amazing our brains are.

Physical Education

Our topic this half term is 'Ball Skills', focusing on sending and receiving. We will work on improving throwing and catching skills. We will then move on to 'Fundamental Movement Skills' and 'Invasion Games'. We will focus on attacking and defending skills through a range of sports and games.

Homework

We will continue to use our homework menus for homework projects. Please see the reverse of this page.

Home reading books will be sent home on a Monday and should be returned by Thursday with a signed reading record.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Armstrong and Mrs Fagan