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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



English

This term, children will continue to explore texts using the 'Talk for Writing' approach. We will begin the term using the story Arthur and the Golden Rope, encouraging writing skills through grammar lessons, role play, story mapping and shared writing before writing our own stories. We will be continuing our English after half term studying a non-fiction text called 'Counting on Katherine'.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on learning our times tables by heart, telling the time to one minute and exploring angles in triangles. We will use all four operations in our calculations and begin to look at the formal written method for division. We will also study fractions in more detail; multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by a single digit; and analyse data.

Science

In our Rocks unit, we will investigate and compare the properties of different rocks, plan experiments on them and learn how to devise a fair experiment. We will study how fossils are formed and look at the composition of soil.

Computing

We will be learning how to create PowerPoint presentations, with images, media and timings, based on research we have done. We will also learn how to compose and safely send emails using Purple Mash.



PE

PE this term will focus on agility skills with some sessions on circuit training while others will be ball chasing and developing ball skills using feet. Towards the end of term, we will have athletics sessions focussing on running.

RE

Our topics this term are: 'Green Issues', where we will consider how we take care of our world; and 'How the World was Made', where we will read and listen to different tales about creation.

History

We will be looking at pre-history from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in Britain. We will investigate how people lived during these times and how life changed over this period. We will also be visiting Creswell Crags in Nottinghamshire.

Geography

This term, we will be learning about biomes. We will locate the equator, the two hemispheres, lines of longitude and latitude. Considering climate zones and vegetation belts, we will discover where different food grows around the world.

PSHE

In our antibullying topic will explore different types of bullying, including online. Our financial topic will help us understand how money is earned and spent.

Art & Design

We will be looking at Stone Age art as well as art created by the artist Eileen Downes. We will be paper tearing and creating cave paintings of our own.

French

Our topic 'The Circle of Life' will help us learn animal and habitat vocabulary. We will build food chains using the words we have learnt.

Music

Our topics are 'Singing French', 'Buildings' and 'Poetry' which will focus learning on pitch, performance, beat and composing music.

Design Technology

We will also be looking at mechanical systems and use thumbnail sketches and exploded diagrams to design a pneumatic toy.

Important Information

- Please continue to encourage your child to read at home for at least 15 minutes every day. Asking them comprehension-based questions would be beneficial to their learning as this is a skill needed in assessments.
- Homework will be sent home on a Thursday and will need to be returned the following Tuesday. Homework will be a combination of spellings, maths and English tasks.
- We will endeavour to communicate other important information to you by ParentMail as the term goes on. However, we are always available to talk before and after school, or you can phone us via the office.
- Please ensure all uniform, PE kit and shoes are labelled with your child's name.