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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

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English

This term, children will continue to explore texts using the 'Talk for Writing' approach. We will begin the term using the story 'Winter's Child', encouraging writing skills through grammar lessons, role play, story mapping and shared writing before writing our own stories. We will also be looking at a non-fiction text called 'Where Would You Like to Live?' and planning and writing our own non-chronological report.

Mathematics

This term's teaching will be based directly on children's needs as identified in recent assessments. This will include a focus on working with fractions; learning more about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; understanding angles, perimeter and working with money. Alongside this, children will be learning to use formal written methods for addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication and division within reasoning problems.

Science

We will be learning about plants, with a focus on life cycles and how they grow. We will also be studying light and shadow in the second half of the term.

Computing

Our first unit is spreadsheets, learning how to make them and how to input data before moving on to learning how we can keep ourselves safe online.



PE

We will be completing a gymnastic unit focusing on travel and rotation. We will also be developing our reaction and response skills, as well as our sending and receiving skills in our outdoor PE sessions.

RE

Our topics this term are Hinduism and Religious Symbols. As part of our studies we will be visiting a spectacular Hindu temple in the north of Leicester.

History

Having spent most of autumn studying the Egyptians, our focus this term shifts to Geography.

Geography

Pupils will focus on mapping skills; recognising different geographical features of the world and then studying more local features.

Art and Design

This term our art work will involve studying different types of Indian art and will focus on the skills of printing, colour mixing and pattern making.

PSHE

Our topics this term are 'Managing Risk' and 'Family and Friends'. We will also continue to discuss current issues using the Picture News resources.

French

This term we will continue our learning around shape and colour before moving on to number and age vocabulary.

Music

Children will complete the musical units: 'Sound' and 'Human Body'. These units will explore rhythm and using a variety of musical instruments.

Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home at 5 times a week for around fifteen minutes – this really makes a difference to their understanding and comprehension. Reading books must be brought into school and up to the classroom every day.
- Homework will continue to reinforce concepts learned in school. English and Maths tasks will be set on alternate weeks. Handed out on a **Thursday**, these should be brought back to school on a **Tuesday** for marking.
- PE will be on a **Tuesday**. Correct PE kit, including a change of footwear, should be worn in school on that day. **Jewellery must be removed** or tape brought in; with long hair tied back.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day. Please **do not** send squash, fruit juice or drinks of any other kind.
- Finally, we continue to encourage children to become more independent and start taking responsibility for their own learning needs from Year 3. However, we are always available to talk before and after school or via the office at other times.