

Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Maths

This half term, Year 3 will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, measuring with money and looking at statistics (bar charts, tally charts, tables and pictograms.)

English

In English, we will be focusing on three different types of literature fiction, non-fiction and poetry. For our fiction novel, Year 3 will be studying the book of 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' by Roald Dahl. Through Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*, children explore plot, character and tension. They learn about direct speech and tense, and write their own exciting stories.

In the non-fiction lessons, the children will be reading reports about Harry Potter studio tours. Understand features of reports; study conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs. They will also be looking at Hogwarts students' school reports and creating their own reports.

In the poetry section, Year 3 will be focusing on 'A Child's Garden of Verses' by Robert Louis Stevenson. This wonderful collection loses nothing of its power to excite, enthuse and inspire. Year 3 will immerse in these classic, timeless poems studying verbs/tenses and extended sentences.

RE

This half term, we will be looking at the Eucharist and how being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts, is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

The children will also be looking at Lent during Ester time and how life, especially family life, or life in school, is full of opportunities for self-giving.

Science

This half term in Year 3, we will be learning about famous scientists. They will learn about the men and women who risked their lives to find new plants, and will design their own new plant, thinking about its requirements for life. The famous scientists and inventors are Sir Joseph Banks, Marie Curie Georges Washington Carver and Inge Lehmann.

History

This half term, Year 3 will continue the chronological narrative of Britain's History, moving on to the final stage of prehistory with the Iron Age. They further

develop their understanding of the use of evidence to build a picture of the past.

Geography

This half term, we will be focusing on the physical processes of the formation of mountains, volcanoes and avalanches.

Art

In Art, we will be exploring Collage and researching artists such as Paul Klee, Victor Vasarely and Henry Matisse. Year 3 will be investigating their works and responding creatively by creating their own versions of the artist's work.

DT

This half term, the children will be given opportunities to enhance their knowledge and understanding of electrical systems. The children will develop an understanding about series and parallel circuits and different types of switches. They will then be given the chance to apply their knowledge about electric circuits in a purposeful way by designing and making a battery operated light, which will be controlled by a homemade switch. The children will decide upon the design criteria for the light by considering who will use it, where it will be used and what for. Finally, they will complete a detailed evaluation of their final product.

ICT

Year 3 will be focusing on developing their skills in quick and efficient typing. Typing, as with handwriting, needs regular practice and although this half term will give the children a basic understanding, regular and consistent practice is needed.

PSHE

This half term, the children will be delving into growing and changing, and healthy relationships.

PE

This half term, Year 3 are going to be focusing on an Ironman Dance. The children will be working together and developing their teamwork skills by communicating ideas and teaching each other their own moves.