

Year 3 Spring Term Curriculum Overview

English:

Writing: This term, we will be engaging in a wide variety of writing genres to build upon all our brilliant writing we have done in Year 3 so far. Some of our exciting writing opportunities include diary entries within a geographical setting, explanation texts about a topic of the children's choice and a variety of different forms of poetry

We will also be continuing to focus on our handwriting and learning to develop a joined, cursive handwriting style.

Reading: The children will be taking part in one guided reading session a week in order to build their reading fluency and develop their comprehension.

ICT and PE:

P.E. This term our PE lessons will be on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (only for the first half term)**. Mr Gilmour will be continuing to teach the children invasion games this term, with a focus on throwing, catching and striking.

ICT: In our computing sessions this term, we will be looking at media publishing and logos. We will also undertake our unit on databases, looking at how to find information online and being able to present data in different ways.

Art, Design Technology and Music:

Music: We will be using the Charanga music scheme to explore a range of musical styles. This will be achieved through musical games, exploring the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments.

Art: Our topics this term are Unusual Portraits and Mediterranean artists. As part of this topic, we will be studying famous artists including Arcimboldo, Monet, Renoir and Picasso.

Design Technology: This term, we will be making 3D models of volcanoes and erupting them as part of our 'What makes the Earth so angry?'

Maths:

In maths this term we will continue to look at Multiplication and Division. We will also begin our unit on measurement, focussing on calculating length, mass and volume. We will be:

- Multiplying and Dividing 2-digit numbers
- Multiplying and Dividing with regrouping
- Writing length in centimetres, metres and kilometres
- Reading weighing scales
- Measuring and writing volume and capacity in millilitres and litres

Times tables continue to be a focus. We learn and practise the 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables. Your support in practising these at home is appreciated.

Humanities and PSHE:

PSHE: Our PSHE topics this term are 'Keeping Safe' and 'Rights and Respect' in and outside of school.

Humanities: This term we will be investigating the question 'What makes the Earth so angry?' as part of our geography topic. This will include developing our understanding of the Earth's physical geography by learning all about earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and tornadoes. Later in the term, we will investigate the question 'Why do so many people go to the Mediterranean on holiday?'. We will be focussing on map and atlas work to locate several countries in both the northern and southern hemisphere and developing our knowledge of European capital cities and different types of holidays.

French:

In French this term children will be learning to talk about animals and pets, using le/la and un/une, using colours to describe animals and talking about food.

Science:

This term, we will begin our science learning by studying Plants for the first half term, and then we will be learning all about Light and Shadow in the second half term.

As part of our Plants topic the children will be investigating the functions of different parts of a plant and exploring the life cycle of flowering plants. During our Light topic, we will be exploring how light is reflected from surfaces and exploring how shadows are formed and finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Homework:

Your child will receive homework every week on a **Friday** for the following **Thursday**. This will either be a writing or maths tasks linked to the current areas of learning.

Writing:

Alongside a writing task, children will also have weekly spellings that will go out on a Friday and will need to be practiced for the weekly spelling test which will be on a Thursday.

Maths:

Alongside a maths task, children will be asked to practise their times tables on TTRS, Doodle or through other means to build up their levels of fluency. There is a weekly times tables test.

Reading

The most important homework that your child does is to read and talk to you about books. They should read for at least 15 minutes a day. Children will be given a specific reading book at their level and children are welcomed to read a variety of books from home or the public library which cater to their interests.

Jèrriais:

This term the children will have the opportunity to be taught Jèrriais by on island specialists. The children will learn basic Jèrriais phrases and will learn about the history of Jersey.