

Spring Term Overview Year 3



English

In English lessons children will use the text 'The Rhythm of the Rain' as a basis from which to write a setting narrative. Children will express time, place and cause using conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs as well as using expanded noun phrases to add detail. We will then look at the text 'Jemmy Button' and write a return narrative and a letter to recount. We will also look at using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at the relationship between multiplication and division and will learn how to multiply and divide a 2 digit number by 1 digit. We will then move on to explore money and length before our statistics topic where we will look at tables and charts. Our final maths topic of the term will see us beginning to investigate fractions.

Science

Our first Science topic this term is light where children will learn that light allows us to see and that light is reflected from surfaces. We will also explore how shadows are formed and look at sun safety.

In our second topic 'plants', children will learn to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants, explore what plants need to grow. They will investigate how water is transported and look at the life cycle of flowering plants.

French

In our French lessons this term, we will be studying 'Je Peux' (I can). Children will recognise, use and remember 10 common French verbs/activities and use these verbs to make a short sentence starting with je peux.

Art

To begin the term, year 3 will look at Paul Signac and his neo-impressionist art work. They will explore the use of pointillism to create secondary colours with adjacent dabs of primary colours before creating their own artwork inspired by Paul Signac.



History and Geography

In History, we continue our journey from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age and into the Iron Age, learning about what life was like during these times and how it changed, based upon the evidence that was left behind.

In Geography lessons after half term, there will be a mapping and fieldwork focus where children will continue to embed their prior knowledge.

DT

In the second half of spring term we will be using Mediterranean ingredients to make a savoury pizza. Children will apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet, understand seasonality and prepare and cook their pizza using a range of techniques.

Music

In the second half of spring term we will be studying Samba drumming with a very experienced visiting teacher. The children will be learning different beats, and trying several different types of Brazilian percussion instruments including Surdos, Caixas, Repiniques and Tambourins.

RE

In RE, we will be retelling Bible stories in which miracles have happened and questioning if Jesus really did perform miracles.

We will also recall events from the Easter story, think about forgiveness and understand why Jesus' crucifixion symbolises hope.

Computing

This term we will be working with Mr Moffat from MGL.

We will be using Scratch to explore programming and will design, write and debug an animation.

We will also explore what is inside a computer. Children will learn about computer networks, identify components and understand what they do.

PE

To begin the term, our outdoor PE lesson will focus on sending and receiving and children will learn the skills needed to play badminton. During indoor lessons they will focus on gymnastics.

During the second half term, children will continue to develop their sending and receiving skills learning to play tennis. During indoor lessons there will be a fitness focus.