

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 - Spring Term 2024

More fun and learning in 2024!

We had a fantastic first term with the children and are looking forward to lots more fun this term. Here is a brief summary of just some of the things we will be learning during the Spring term. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible.

English

SPEAKING and LISTENING



Through discussion in large and small groups, as well as drama activities, the children will continue to develop their confidence to contribute in class.

READING

Comprehension will be developed through shared, guided and class reading. We will look at the skills needed to be able to successfully complete comprehension activities.

WRITING

We will be learning about **fiction and non-fiction texts** and the children will be developing their skills to write their own. They will also work on vocabulary building in African Folk Tales, we will also be looking at *The Creakers* and exploring the Novel as a theme, before moving onto Autobiographies and Howard Carter before Easter.

Maths

We will continue using the Curriculum to extend children's knowledge, understanding and application in these areas:

NUMBER

We will be focussing on concrete understanding of multiplication and division and completing lots of practical work on both. We will also be investigating fractions of shapes and amounts as well as addition and subtraction of fractions.

GEOMETRY

We will be consolidating their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, including making 3D shapes. Identifying properties as well as perpendicular and parallel lines.



We will be doing problem solving and reasoning in all areas of maths.

Science

Forces and magnets: This term, we will be learning about forces including push and pull forces and friction. We will also learn about magnets, learning about how they work and their properties and uses.

Plants: Children will be able to recognise and label the parts of a plant. We will also look at the life cycle of a plant, photosynthesis and seed dispersal. They will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills when carrying out an investigation. They will have to plan, predict, carry out and feedback on results of experiments.



Art:

We will look at and learn about Aboriginal Art looking at how artists create journeys in their work using a range of symbols. We will also look at the abstract art of Paul Klee.

Design Technology (DT):

We will be looking at creating moving monsters using pneumatic devices to generate movement within our designs.

History:

This term, we will start learning about Ancient Egypt in history. We learn about the Egyptian people and their way of life, as well as their impact on the world today.

Geography:

We are learning about countries, continents and places around the world. The children will develop confidence using an atlas for multiple functions and be more aware of the world around them and the differences between compared places.

Music

They will develop their musical vocabulary as well as learn to and read simple notated music. The children will learn about glockenspiels, starting to make their own rhythms and play along to previously learned songs.

French

The children will develop their knowledge of basic French vocabulary. This term, they will be learning vocabulary around friendships and food.



Information Technology

We will be learning about stopframe animation software, creating our own animations in school. The children will also be focussing on internet safety this term and learning what to and what not to do when online.

Religious Education

Children will interpret information about religions from a range of sources and develop an understanding of their importance. We will be looking at the topic 'Salvation' and its links to the Easter Story.

Physical Education

After a couple of weeks of gymnastics, we will be moving onto Outdoor adventurous activities including team challenges, orienteering and problem solving. The children are also swimming each Wednesday.

Personal Social and Health Education

Our PSHE will support emotional literacy and wellbeing. It will also help children to develop resilience and life skills, including knowing how to keep themselves safe.

We're looking forward to lots more adventures in Year 3!
The Year 3 Team

