



Year 3 Curriculum Overview - Autumn 1 2026-27

English

In this unit, pupils will analyse several poems by Joseph Coelho, looking for any similarities and common themes. They will learn about specific poetic devices through the poem 'MORERAPS' and use this to write their own poems. Pupils will learn strategies to memorise and recite a poem by heart. We will then move on to using a short film to write our very own complex narrative. Here, we will write a complete narrative, using the opening, build-up, climax, resolution structure, to write their own version of a short film. At the end of the half term, we will analyse effective story telling, before using our skills to retell a story.

Maths

Pupils will secure their understanding of place value and extend their skills to 3 digit numbers. They will be counting from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100; find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Also, they will compare and order numbers up to 1,000 as well as identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Pupils will read and write numbers up to 1,000 in numerals and in words and solve number problems and practical problems. Pupils will begin to add and subtract two and three digit numbers with and without exchanging.

Guided Reading texts - The Last Castaways by Harry Horse. The Diary of the Killer Cat by Anne Fine.

Science

In Science, pupils will work scientifically to learn about the bones and muscles in the human body. They will also learn about the skeletal systems of other animals and their key functions. Pupils will then learn about what animals, including humans, need to eat to get the nutrients they need to survive and how the body may use that energy. They will also learn the nutrient groups and what it means to have a balanced diet.

Humanities

Pupils will learn about Prehistoric Britain. They will learn about the Stone Age, Iron Age and the Bronze Age. We will learn about how we use archaeological evidence to support theories about what happened in history - using Skara Brae as a source of information. Pupils will also learn about the changes that occurred between the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age and make comparisons.

Art and Design

In this unit, pupils will be learning to develop their understanding of drawing and shading techniques to create botanical inspired drawings. They will use their knowledge of shading to create texture and patterns in their artwork based in the style of Max Ernst, Maud Purdy and Georgia O'Keeffe. Pupils will also have the opportunity to develop their understanding of texture and tone when drawing 3-D objects, such as flowers and leaves.

Computing

Pupils will investigate programming through Scratch by creating animations and by learning key coding concepts.

French

Children will learn how to greet each other in French. This will include the different greetings for day and night as well as asking and responding to people how they are feeling in French.

Music

Pupils will listen to a variety of pieces of music and verbalise how they make them feel, before they create appropriate movements to sections of a piece of music. We will then use percussion instruments to play in time with peers and think about dynamics, before creating a soundtrack for an animation.

Religion and World Views

Pupils will explore ideas about spirituality, the inner self and the soul by interpreting and creating artwork inspired by different beliefs and perspectives. We will delve into Buddhism examine why and how they meditate. Throughout this unit, we will look at how to ask and answer open-ended questions to deepen our understanding.

P.E. - Netball and Gymnastics

In our Indoor P.E., pupils will be developing their balance skills in our gymnastics sessions.
In our Outdoor P.E., pupils will learn how to pass and receive a ball to keep possession in a game and where to shoot from to score points in a game.

PSHE

In PSHE, pupils will learn how to resolve relationship problems, ensure that they know how to listen effectively and how to read non-verbal communication. They will think about the impact of inappropriate behaviour and what action can be taken, exploring trust and what stereotyping is.

Assembly Themes - Children will learn about the value of **respect** this half term. They will also learn about the significance of Harvest Festivals for Christians and have a refresher on The Wavendon Gate Way, our behaviour curriculum. We will be learning about the mental health charity 'Young Minds' and MK Lightning will be visiting us to talk about their ice hockey team.