



Year 3 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1

English

Pupils will develop their understanding and use of descriptive language within their first unit on Stories from Imaginary Worlds. They will study a range of stories by Roald Dahl, with particular focus on Fantastic Mr Fox, and investigate how different children's authors use their literary toolkit effectively in order to create strong settings, characters and plot-lines. Pupils will also learn how to write a recount using the perfect past tense, adverbs and conjunctions to express time and order. They will also deepen their awareness of poetry by exploring, performing and analysing a range of poems to express emotion.

Maths

Pupils will continue to build upon the knowledge and skills acquired in autumn and deepen their understanding of multiplication and division by exploring related multiplication and division patterns as well as developing fluency in using methods to multiply or divide a 2-digit number. After this, pupils will begin to explore Measurement. They will reinforce learning from KS1 by learning how to convert metres to centimetres and millimetres as well as addition, subtraction and calculating the perimeter of a shape. Pupils will recognise the connection between these measurements within comparisons.

Guided reading texts - 3A The Famous Five by Enid Blyton, 3B Beaver Towers by Nigel Hinton

Science

In this half term's physics unit, children will explore the topic of Sound. Pupils will learn about how different sounds are generated and travel. They will also explore the categories that these different sounds can fall under. Pupils will also develop an awareness of what the terms 'pitch', 'amplitude' and 'frequency' mean in relation to describing sounds. Pupils will also learn how scientists design objects that use sound and how sound is utilised in real life contexts.

Humanities

Pupils will learn about the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. They will study the Shang Dynasty from its origins to its collapse and develop their awareness of what life was like for those living during the Shang Dynasty as well as their beliefs, customs and traditions. They will also learn about significant historical events and individuals, including Cheng Tang, Fu Hao and King Zhou. Pupils will learn vocabulary such as 'empire', 'class system' and 'divinity'

Art and Design

Pupils will be developing design and craft skills. They will be taking inspiration from Ancient Egyptian art and pattern and paper making. They will investigate the style, pattern and characteristics of Ancient Egyptian art and apply design skills inspired by the style of an ancient civilisation. Using their understanding of ancient techniques, drawing and painting skills they will produce a mini book (zine) evidencing all of their new knowledge.

Computing

Pupils will be learning to understand the need for emails and how this is used as an effective way to communicate with others. They will be using gmail to send emails with attachments and discuss how to send and receive emails.

French

Pupils will learn and use Je peux... (E) (I can...) and begin to form more advanced written sentences in French, utilising correct grammar, pronouns and tense.

Music

This term pupils will explore 'How does music make the world a better place? They will consider how music can improve our wellbeing and will compose using their imagination. They will learn the songs 'your imagination', 'you're a shining star' and 'makes the world go round.'

RE

Pupils will learn about why Allah is special to Muslims and how Muslims show him respect. They will think about what the word respect means and how they can show this value in their own life.

PE

We will learn to create dance motifs and learn how to dance to convey character and emotion. In handball pupils will learn how to throw and catch in with speed in a mini game and further develop their skills of working in a team sport.

PSHE

Children will be exploring 'Safety and the changing body'. Children will be taught how to stay safe online, near roads and what to do in an emergency.

Assemblies: Children will learn about the value of **honesty** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of The Chinese New Year and how to be safe on the internet. Classes 5A, 5B and 4B will be performing their class assemblies to parents and their peers during this half term.