



Spring 2020

YEAR 3

NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

In the first part of the term we will continue to investigate and apply our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will be particularly focussing on knowledge of times tables. This term we will be using our four times table to help us with learning our eights.

We will move on to understanding fractions and begin to use them in calculations.

Opportunities to practise these skills and use the language of fractions at home, in practical situations, will be invaluable.

Home learning each week should include practice of times tables using TT Rock-stars or timetables.co.uk.

English

This term we will be writing biographies; practising the key elements of past tense, summarising and using the 'passive voice'.

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of paragraphs and how to use them.

We will also be using our Romans topic work to help us write stories with historical settings.

One of our aims is to write more detailed sentences which use commas after fronted adverbials.

To support your child with reading, discuss the characters' feelings, problems and actions by asking questions- How does this character feel? How do you know?

Science

We are starting this term by looking at rocks and fossils, comparing and classifying different types of rocks and fossils and learning about how they are formed and where they are found.

In the second part of the term we will be investigating forces and magnets; looking at those materials that are and are not magnetic, and at how forces can make things move on different surfaces.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

Computing

Children will learn how to search the internet appropriately and safely. They will learn to find and use copy-right free material to create presentations on a particular subject that is of interest to them.

Later in the term children will create their own opinion poll. They will think about the different types of questions they can ask and the best way to present them. They will collect responses and analyse the results by producing graphs and finally present their findings.

To find out more about staying safe online, look at Hector's world. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Music & French

In Music we will be improving our skills on the glockenspiels. We will also be learning and performing songs for the Yr3/4 show.

During French we will be learning how to talk about our family, the days of the week, the colours, counting to 20 and naming countries.

RE & PSHE

In the Spring Term, the children will be learning about the Gospels and the kind of world that Jesus wanted. We will also be investigating the meaning of Salvation and why the day that Jesus died on the cross is known as 'Good Friday'.

During PSHE lessons we will look at rights and responsibilities of people. After half term our theme will be around how we can be the best we can be!

Geography

In the second half of the term we will be expanding on our study of rocks and fossils to look at our extreme Earth and investigating the forces and natural processes involved in the formation of mountains and rivers, earthquakes and volcanoes.

History

We move on from our study of the Celts and the Iron Age to the Romans and the impact the invasion by the Roman Empire had on Britain.

Children will study Roman artefacts and the lives of the Romans in Rome and in Britain.

Art & D&T

Our theme for this term is Pattern-which will involve creating our own patterns and tessellations inspired by Roman mosaics and other artists such as Escher.

We will use techniques of both collage and printing to create our artwork.

In D&T we will be using pneumatics to make our own erupting volcanoes!