

Curriculum overview for year 3 – spring term 2017

More fun and learning in 2017!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. 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. As always, if you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, you can speak to us any day after school. As you will be aware, we have started a new reading scheme called 'Accelerated Reader'. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and see the inside of the reading diary for a timetable of homework.

Literacy

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.

We will be reading our Accelerated Reader books for 20 minutes everyday after lunch.

WRITING

The children will have the opportunity to read and write adventure stories, create non-fiction reports and explanations. They will work on vocabulary building in free verse poetry as well as more structured poems such as Haikus and Kennings.

In all literacy lessons there will be a talk focus that considers the awareness of the reader while developing language and vocabulary. Writing tasks will continue to arise from both literacy and other areas of the curriculum.

Science

Rocks and Minerals



The children will learn lots about the environment around them and what things are made of. They will look at different rocks and minerals and what these different elements are used for. They will continue to carry out experiments as well as developing their skills to make predictions and interpret results.

History & Geography

Children will be looking at the Aztecs and countries in which chocolate is produced. They will look at climate and environments as well as the life of the Aztecs and how these factors affected them.

Art

The Aztecs will be a big influence for our art this term. The children will look at the geometric patterns used in Aztec designs and will try to create their own. They will also have a go at some collaborative art, that they will complete with small groups and then put together to make large, class pieces of art.



French

The children will develop their knowledge of basic French vocabulary. They will learn to use correct pronunciation as well as spelling for simple vocabulary. This term the focus will be on colour as well as class room items.



Numeracy

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

NUMBER

Mental maths as well as formal written methods of addition and subtraction of three-digit numbers (using a variety of methods), multiplication and division- 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 8s, & 10s, fractions and problem solving.

MEASURES



Using different units of measure, 24 hour time and capacity.

GEOMETRY

Consolidating 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 numeracy.

In both Numeracy and Literacy, children will meet these areas of learning at their own level and pace.

Information Technology

We will be focussing on internet safety this term and learning what to and what not to do when online. This will include looking at the use of online games, pop ups, emails and messages of any kind.

We will also be using programmable ICT resources such as roamers and bee-bots.

Music

The main focus this term will be on developing confidence when using the glockenspiel and the recorder. They will develop their musical vocabulary as well as learn to use boomwhackers and read simple notated music.



Religious Education

Children will interpret information about religions from a range of sources and develop an understanding of their importance. During the second half term, there will be a whole school focus on Easter and we will be doing a weekly session on the Easter story.

Personal Social and Health Education/ SEAL

We will be carrying out the taking care project. This will support emotional literacy and wellbeing. It will also help children to develop resilience and life skills, including knowing how to keep themselves safe.

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Physical Education

The children will continue to take part in a **weekly swimming lesson every Wednesday afternoon.** In school we will be doing some gymnastics as well as ball skills and team games. In the summer term, the children will not be swimming anymore, so they will have one indoor and one outdoor PE lesson per week.



We're looking forward to lots more adventures in Year 3!
Mrs Davies & Miss Cherry