



English

In English this term, we will be focusing on writing an effective story opening, focusing on setting and character description. We will also write our own adventure narrative, where children can continue to develop and apply writing techniques they have been shown. Year 3 will write two Non-Fiction pieces, a Non-Chronological Report and an Instruction text. Children will also explore features of rhyming verse poetry and produce their own poem.

During the spring term, we will be reading and discussing two texts: *Flyntlock Bones: The Sceptre of the Pharaohs* by Derek Keilty and *Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor* by Lucy Brandt. They will also be exposed to a wider range of texts and comprehension questions in reading lessons. Accelerated reader will be used to further support children's reading fluency and comprehension. To support your child, please aim to:

- Use SpellingShed to practise spelling key words.
- Listen to your child read regularly.

History

The Bronze and Iron Age

Our history lessons this half-term will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Age. Throughout the unit, children will use evidence from a variety of sources to investigate these time periods and come to conclusions about the developments made.

Geography

Our World

Children will use maps, atlases, globes, and digital computing mapping to improve their locational knowledge. They will apply these skills to locate differing features and begin to use the eight points of the compass to gain a better understanding of our world.

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Science

Light and The Human Body

In Science, children will learn how light enables us to see and interact with the world. They will learn about different sources of light and investigate if materials are transparent or opaque. Children will then learn about the human body, developing knowledge of systems that help us grow and move. We will identify the purposes of muscles, joints and bones, before focusing on nutrition and the nervous and digestive system.

Computing

We are presenters

Children will learn to narrate and use the green screen effect to create multiple presentations for different audiences. They will be taught how to plan, research, record and edit their presentations.

Music

Glockenspiels

Children will listen to different songs and use a glockenspiel to play a range of notes. They will start to improvise and compose music using these notes.

RE

Jesus and Jewish Celebrations

In RE this term, the children will explore the different representations of Jesus. This will include exploring and studying Gospels of the Bible. We will also be learning about Judaism and the different Jewish Celebrations.

PSHE

Dreams, Goals and Healthy Me

Your child will explore the idea of dreams and ambitions, before learning about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. We will also discuss how we can keep ourselves and others safe from potential dangers.

PE

Ball Skills and Gymnastics

PE lessons will be every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child wears school PE kit and removes jewellery. Your child will learn how to track a ball when throwing, catching and kicking, or when dribbling with their hands and feet. They will also learn to combine balancing, rolling and jumping skills.

Maths

In Maths this term, children will calculate fractions of amounts and learn how fractions can be compared and ordered. They will continue practising their multiplication and division, focusing on the 3,4- and 8-times tables. We will also apply our understanding of our times tables to answer multiplication questions using the grid method. Children will revisit how to interpret pictograms before learning how to read and create bar charts. Children will be taught to calculate the length and perimeter of simple and compound shapes. They will deepen their understanding of word problems involving all four operations and look at vertical addition and subtraction before learning how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

To support your child, please aim to:

- Use MathShed to complete homework, play games involving the 3,4- and 8-times tables and practise concepts your child finds difficult.

Art

Famous Buildings

In our Art lessons this half-term, children will be learning about the architecture of famous buildings. They will explore the history and features of these buildings, using these examples to help them design a building based on meeting specific criteria.

DT

British Inventors

In our DT lessons this half-term, children will investigate different inventions and explore their significance. They will discuss which inventions have been most impactful and apply what they have learn to design an invention that addresses an everyday problem.