



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will involve using various written methods to answer multiplication and division questions. The children will become more familiar with their times tables and will use this to support their learning throughout the topic. They will develop their knowledge of how to use mental and written methods to solve a variety of problems. We will also be looking at our 4 times tables and 8 times tables with division facts.

English

During this half term, we will be looking at stories from different cultures and myths and legends. We will begin by looking at Roman mythology and the story of Romulus and Remus which will tie in with our history topic. The children will be given the opportunity to retell stories and create their own myths. We will then move on to learning about life as a Roman soldier where the children will create persuasive letters and write diary entries from different perspectives. Throughout these units, the children will use a range of conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs of manner and imperative verbs. Punctuation and handwriting will also form a central part of our English teaching this half term.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about rocks and fossils. We will begin the unit by identifying different types of rocks and then sorting them into metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks. The life of Mary Anning will also be looked at in detail and why her discoveries on the Jurassic coast were so important. We will also learn about soil permeability and the different types of fossils found under the ground.

Art

How are man-made materials used to create sculptures inspired by nature?

In Art, we will be working a lot with clay to make sculptures from both observation and imagination. We will be focusing on Anna Collette Hunt, who is a local jewellery designer.

Geography

How is Italy similar to the UK?

Throughout our Geography lessons we will be comparing Italy and the United Kingdom. We will be studying similarities in climate, proximity to a main river, landmarks and also food. We will also be focusing natural and man-made landmarks such as the river Tiber and The Colosseum of Rome.

PE

Gymnastics and Swimming

Year 3 children will be taught gymnastics this term. They will learn different rolls, jumps and will develop their flexibility. Dates for swimming can be found below.

PSHE

Why do we need to keep clean?

In this unit we will learn about the importance of regular cleaning, such as brushing teeth and bathing. Pupils will also learn about how germs and diseases spread.

RE

Who is my neighbour?

This term we will be learning about how to treat your neighbour and why caring about others is important. We will also be learning more about Thomas Barnardo and Malala Yousafzai and how they have contributed to this work in society.

Music

Compositions

This term, pupils will learn how to tell stories through music. They will be listening to different music, paying attention to the dynamics, pitch and tempo. They will then create their own compositions.

Important Information

- PE Warhol Class - Tuesday (Swimming), Wednesday (Indoors)
- PE Dali Class - Tuesday (Outdoors), Wednesday (Indoors)
- Times Tables Rock Stars - Please encourage your children to practice their times tables skills using the logins they have been given.
- It is important your child reads 3 times a week and their reading log must be signed and brought to school on a Friday.
- Homework will be handed out every Friday. Please complete the homework each week and upload a picture to Dojo. If you require a paper copy of the homework, then please contact your child's class teacher.
- The weather will be cold upon return in January, so please continue to wrap up your children warmly. Jumpers need to be brought to school as well as coats so that they can wear jumpers in class and have something warm to wear outside.
- There is still one swim remaining for Dali class after the holiday, which will take place on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Swimming will begin for Warhol class on Tuesday 16th January 2024.