

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Year 3 - Autumn term

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READING

The focus for the teaching of reading in Year 3 is largely on building fluency and engaging with lots of different texts looking at vocabulary, sentence structures, background, stories, non-fiction, poetry and newspapers to build breadth and reading mileage. Daily story time sessions will include the wonderful books: Amelia Fang, Leon and the Place Between, Stig of the Dump and This Morning I Met a Whale.



MATHS

Maths learning, in this first term, will begin with recapping and extending learning on place value. 3 digit numbers will be explored with children representing numbers to 1000 using 100s, 10s and 1s. They will also find 1, 10 and 100 more and less than a number. They will learn to partition to add and subtract and when it is appropriate to use formal column method which will include exchanging.



HISTORY

During our Stone Age to Iron Age unit, children will learn about life during the Mesolithic and Neolithic age with a focus on farming. They will also learn about the Bronze Age, discovering about migration and the new skills that this brought to Britain. Our next unit is Ancient Egypt when the importance of the Nile and how hieroglyphics help us learn more are explored. Religion, Gods and Goddesses will also be discovered.



ART

Line is explored in our first unit. Children will learn how artists use sketchbook and look at famous examples. They will then carry out exploratory drawings creating different types of lines using a range of drawing materials. Line weight will be explored through studying pieces by Rembrandt and Van Gogh. The work of Morandi will be explored when learning about Still Life and how artists use techniques to create the illusion of three dimensions.



PSHE

Being Me in My World will be explored in this first unit. Children will learn about the importance of rules and how our behaviour can affect how others feel and behave. They will also know why it is important to feel valued. Words will be explored through our Celebrating Differences unit. Children will understand that words can be hurtful and kind and how they affect conflict.



COMPUTING

Connecting Computers is our first unit and will explore how digital devices are connected, how networks share information and how digital devices can change the way we work. Children will get creative with the Stop-Frame Animation unit where they will plan and use drawings to create an animation.



MUSIC

This term, children will learn about Off Beat music where a beat falls on beat 2 rather than beat 4. They will listen to and analyse a range of rock and roll and funk music. In autumn two, children will study Pachelbel's Canon and learn about how a round works. They will also learn a range of songs in readiness to perform in our Christmas Carol Concert.



WRITING

Our creative fiction unit for the autumn term will be altering the text Stone Age Boy. Non-fiction units will include All About Me - focussing on paragraphs and layout, a trip recount - following their trip to Irchester and information units about the Science learning on The Digestive System and History lessons on Ancient Egypt. Poetry will also be created using Recipe to Make a Wolf as a stimulus. Joined handwriting will be taught in writing lessons.



SCIENCE

The term will begin with the children learning more about The Human Body. They will learn about the main organs within the human body and how the brain is at the centre of the nervous system. They will move onto learning about Cycles in Nature the natural changes the environment goes through as the seasons change. They will learn that this happens because the Earth is tilted as it makes its journey around the sun.



GEOGRAPHY

Through the Spatial Sense unit, children will explore: compass directions, 4 and 8 point compass, maps of the local area and grid references. They will also compare Northampton and San Francisco. Villages, cities, hamlets and towns are studied during the Settlements unit. Children will learn about the differences between rural and urban areas and about infrastructure and population.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Sewing is the skill taught in the DT unit this term. Children will discover that fabric can be made in a multitude of ways and that some are natural while others are manmade. They will design a keyring and then use running stitch and backstitch to join felt to create their design. Finally, the children will evaluate their finished creations.



RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS

Multifaith Creation Stories will be explored in this first unit with children learning that certain stories are special to people who belong to specific religions. A range of stories will be shared during this unit. Children will go on to learn about Christianity and about why Jesus is seen as an inspiration for Christians.



PE

During the autumn term, children will learn the skills needed to strike and catch. They will understand the need to work as a team and strategise to beat their opponents. These skills will come together when the children play competitive games of Tag Rugby and Basketball.



Spanish

As an introduction to learning a foreign language, children will learn where Spain is, about Spanish culture and where Spanish is spoken around the world. They will then learn phonic sounds, count to 10, say their name and say how they are feeling. In the second half term, children will learn how to say and spell animal names in Spanish.