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YEAR 3 – Spring Term 1 – Bronze and Iron Age



English

In English this term, Year 3 will be looking at two narratives. We will be looking at how a narrative is structured through the book 'Star in a Jar' and then using 'The true story of the 3 little pigs' to write from a different character's perspective. Children will have explicit Grammar and Spelling lessons to help us develop our writing, along with interactive games from Spelling Shed. In Reading, we are focusing on Poetry, where we will be focusing on our fluency and comprehension.

Maths

This term, we will begin with Multiplication and Division. Children will learn a formal written method of multiplying and dividing a 2-digit by a 1-digit number. It is really important the children continue to practice their times tables as this will benefit them in these lessons greatly. Towards the end of the term, Year 3 will move into studying Length and Perimeter.

Science

In Science, our learning this term will be based around Forces and Magnets. Children will learn about push and pull forces and what might effect these. They will learn about magnets and their poles. Year 3 will carry out simple scientific investigations throughout the term to consolidate their learning.

Computing

This term we will be focussing on the skill of programming. They will be learning how to use timer, the repeat command and the importance of nesting. At the end of term, the children will create their own interactive scene.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is 'Dreams and Goals'.



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History

In History, we will be building on our learning from Term 1 on the Stone age and we will be learning about the Bronze age and Iron age. We will be focussing on the society and power of both ages and learning what evidence can tell us about the past. We will be ending the term with a Stone age to the Iron age workshop to celebrate all our learning.

Art

In Art, Year 3 will be looking at the Art skill of Drawing. We will be studying the work of Paul Cezanne and learning about him and his life. Children will use chalk as well as sketching pencils to produce work based around still life drawings.

Music

In music, we will be introducing the children to new songs. We will listen to the music, consider how it makes us feel, try to identify different voices and instruments, discuss the genre of music and practising keeping the beat.

Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E., we will be studying Christianity and our focus question will be, 'Could Jesus heal people? Did he perform miracles or is there some other explanation?' Children will think about their own definition of miracles. We will learn about what Christians believe is a miracle and the miracles they believe Jesus performed.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. Year 3 will be learning Dance. We will be learning how to keep the beat and work in unison. We will then use all our teamwork skills and create a class dance.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – French

This term, Year 3 will be learning key vocabulary based around musical instruments. Children will learn 10 key instruments in French and the correct article that goes with it. They will progress to using the verb 'jouer' which means 'to play' and form simple sentences using it.



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Important information

Year 3 P.E. is on a Tuesday (Koala) or Wednesday (Giraffe). The day will change each term and parents will be told on next term's newsletter and via texts closer to the time. Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will be sent home every Friday in a folder containing spelling and maths homework along with their reading records and library books. This folder must be brought back to school with the completed homework every Friday. Weekly spellings are also set on the website Spelling Shed for the children to access. They all have been given a login but please ask for a replacement if needed. Some children will bring home a phonics or accelerated reader book, please make sure they bring it to school everyday.

If you would like to do anything extra at home with your child, reading every day and practising their times tables is the best place to start.

Below are some useful websites.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

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