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YEAR 3/4 – Autumn Term 1

English

In Writing this term, we will begin by revisiting and consolidating our understanding of word classes, including determiners, nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs and prepositions. We will use these skills to create expanded noun phrases and apply them when writing our own poems. We will then revise different types of conjunctions and the rules for punctuating direct speech, before bringing these skills together to write a short narrative.

Reading

In Reading this term, we will begin by exploring the wordless picture book 'Flotsam', using the rich illustrations to encourage discussion, develop children's observation skills and promote thoughtful conversation. We will then explore extracts from a range of texts, with a focus on developing children's reading fluency, expression and confidence. Finally, we will read 'The Lost Robot' by Joe Todd-Stanton, focusing on developing children's retrieval skills by finding and using information from the text to answer questions.

Spellings

Every day the children will attend a spelling lesson. They will then be set their spelling homework weekly. The children will be able to practise their spellings using Spelling Shed. They will each have their own login details to be able to access this. We strongly encourage this so that the children are furthering their knowledge of spelling rules that they will use daily. Children will be rewarded with 'honeypots' enabling them to be able to change their online avatar and the backgrounds.

Maths

This term, Year 3/4 will begin by revising and developing their understanding of place value. The children will be representing and partitioning numbers of increasing length before rounding to 10, 100 and 1000. Year 4 will then move onto addition and subtraction using their learned place value knowledge.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning all about 'Our Amazing Body'. We will begin by exploring the human skeleton, identifying and naming key bones and understanding why our skeleton is so important. We will then learn about muscles and how they work together with our bones to help us move. Finally, we will explore the importance of a balanced diet, learn about different nutrients and investigate nutritional information and food labels to help us make healthy choices.

History

In History this term, Year 3/4 will be exploring the Roman invasion of Britain and answering the key question, 'What were the consequences of the Romans invading Britain?' We will begin by discovering what everyday life was like in Ancient Rome, before investigating a range of Roman artefacts and learning why the Romans invaded Britain. The children will explore Boudicca's resistance against



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Roman rule, discover Roman gods and goddesses, and learn about the inventions and innovations the Romans brought to Britain. Throughout the topic, children will consider the lasting impact the Romans had on Britain and how their influence can still be seen today.



Computing

In computing, Year 3/4 will be learning about Computing Systems and Networks. The children will explore how the internet and networks are structured, what a website is and 'who' owns the web. In addition, children will learn about Internet safety and how to protect themselves from potential dangers of using the internet.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

This term, Year 3/4's Jigsaw piece is 'Being me in my world'. The children will learn about being a school citizen, about different rights and responsibilities and how we share the rewards and consequences of our actions. In addition, they will explore what a democracy is and produce a charter for their class.

Art

This term, we will be focussing on the artist Lowry. The children will be looking at painting in a relief style and drawing from different perspectives. The children will finish the term by creating their own painting in the style of Lowry.



Music

This term's focus is 'The History of Brahms and his music'. Children will learn who Brahms was and his musical accomplishments. They will listen to different compositions of his music to develop an understanding of pattern and rhythm and have the opportunity to create and play a melody with instruments. Children will also learn, practice, rehearse and perform Harvest Festival songs.



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Religious Education (R.E.)

This term in Year 3/4, the children will be focussing on the Christianity and answering the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' The children will be looking at why Jesus wanted people to follow him and what it takes to be a good Samaritan. The children will be exploring the teaching of Christianity through stories from the four Gospels.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Year 3/4 will be focussing this term on learning Basketball and associated skills such as positioning and receiving the ball, control and consistency of throwing, passing techniques, shooting the ball and game tactics. Also, children will develop teamwork skills, learning to work cohesively and having awareness of their positioning to have the best advantage to score.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – French

In French, the children will learn how to say shapes in French. They will also be able to recall their numbers and use shape vocabulary accurately.



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Important information

Year 3/4 P.E. is on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

Puma Class = Tuesday afternoon

Panther & Jaguar Class = Wednesday afternoon

Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will be sent home every Friday and will be due back the following Friday. There will be a piece of Spelling and Maths. Some children will bring home a phonics or accelerated reader book; please make sure they bring it to school every day. Every child will have a reading record which will be monitored each week. Please encourage your children to read and record.

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.

Throughout the year, Year 3/4 will learn and practise their times table skills in preparation for the multiplication test at the end of the year. They will need to be able to recall every times table up to 12 quickly and effectively. It would be very beneficial if you could practise this at home.

Below are some useful websites.

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

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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

Mrs Little, Mrs Saghir & Miss Whitehead