

## ENGLISH

Linking with their work across the curriculum, the English focus this half term is traditional tales. The children will investigate the structure of these and identify common features. They will then plan the key events in a story and explore characters' thoughts, feelings and actions. Using a familiar story theme, the pupils will plan and write their own in the style of a traditional tale. Finally, they will perform their stories in an Indonesian shadow puppetry show, accompanying the story by playing gamelan instruments.

## GEOGRAPHY

Year 3 will be learning about natural disasters and why volcanoes and earthquakes occur. They will explore the link between these events and the Earth's tectonic plates. Pupils will investigate why people choose to live near volcanoes. They will learn why natural disasters are more common in certain parts of the world and conduct their own research into earthquakes.

## PE

Indoor PE sessions this half term will focus on gymnastics, where children will learn how to perform a sequence in unison and identify similarities and differences in their routines. In their outdoor sessions, children will learn how dribble and pass, the skills needed to play hockey.

## PSHE

This half-term, our theme is 'Being Me in My World'. Children will think about their own achievements, goals and aspirations. They will also consider their impact on the people around them and their ability to support each other. Pupils will learn mindfulness techniques which can help them regulate their emotions.

## MUSIC

Under the guidance of our specailist music tutor, the children will begin their musical journey playing the glockenspiel. They will discuss the instrument family the glockenspiel belongs to and work on playing together as an ensemble.

## FRENCH

This half term children will be looking at how to greet others at different times of the day and how to express a variety of emotions in French.

## MATHEMATICS

This half-term, Year 3 will develop an understanding of addition and subtraction. Children will begin by bridging (crossing over) 10, before moving on to bridging 100. They will learn to think about the most efficient order in which addends (parts) are added and how we can add two numbers which bridge the tens boundary by using a 'make ten' strategy. Pupils will also be encouraged to learn a variety of methods for memorising multiplication facts, building on their current knowledge of the times tables. Learning by Questions (a Maths online platform) will be introduced to develop home learning.

## COMPUTING

This half-term, pupils will be introduced to online safety concepts like reporting and blocking unsafe content, as well as learning basic web browsing skills such as the use of hyperlinks, tabs and the address bar.

## RE

We will discuss the significance of light as a symbol in religious festivals such as Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah. Pupils will also reflect on the impact of light in their own lives.

## SCIENCE

The children will be focusing on light this half-term, learning about how shadows are formed when opaque objects block light and why they move, change shape and size throughout the day. They will gain an understanding of different sources of light and the dangers of looking directly at the sun. Pupils will apply this understanding when creating their own shadow puppets in DT and using them for their puppetry show.

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