

ENGLISH

Initially, the children will write information texts about our history and art topic – the Stone Age and Iron Age. They will read and compare a range of reference texts, studying their features before writing their own to show newly gained historical knowledge. The final English focus for the half term is on oracy. The children will develop their speaking and listening skills in preparation for the Christmas performance. They will practice to project their voice with clarity and perform in front of an audience.

SCIENCE

In our science topic is Rocks and Soils, the children will compare and group together different rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties. They will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.

PE

Year 3 will play football, learning new skills and rules in order to play matches. Indoors, they will improve their balance and control to create and perform short gymnastic routines.

PSHE

This half term, our topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. Year 3 children will explore how families come in all shapes and sizes as well as looking at how bullying can be prevented. This work links strongly to the British Value of Mutual Respect.

MUSIC

This half-term the children will develop their singing skills as well as learning how to play a musical instrument – the glockenspiel. They will focus on performing with tempo and pitch as well as composing their own music.

FRENCH

Inspired by Henri Matisse's work, the children will be learning and using words to describe shape, size and colour. The focus will be on building confidence.

MATHEMATICS

In Year 3 we will start the term by strengthening pupils' addition and subtraction skills; this will include both mental strategies and written calculations, including the column method for three-digit numbers. Mentally, children currently find it more difficult to add and subtract when they need to bridge 10 (for example $42 - 7$) so this will be a key area for study. For the latter part of the term, children will revisit their learning in geometry and focus on learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as comparing angles and turns.

COMPUTING

The children will be learning the fundamentals of how we control computers using code. This will include creating their own algorithms to move a character around, using loops to make their code more efficient and debugging mistakes.

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.

HISTORY

There were significant changes to the way people lived in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Year 3 will investigate these changes by exploring differences in the tools used, settlements (e.g. Iron Age hill forts), hunting and gathering, farming and culture. They will learn how to sequence key events on a timeline and will also look at technology, travel and religion.

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