

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

2nd September 2022 – 21st October
2022

Science

Our topic this half term is “**Seeds**”. The children will investigate how seeds are different from each other, including different ways that they can be dispersed. Our experiments in the classroom will include growing seeds without soil, finding out about how plants make their food, and whether different coloured lights will affect the growth of plants.



On Monday 17th October, we will take the children to RHS Wisley Gardens.

PSHE

We will be teaching the children the difference between a fixed mindset and a **growth mindset**. They will try some new challenges and discover that mistakes can be helpful as we can learn from them. We will also focus on weekly **wellbeing** activities.

Physical Education

The **indoor PE focus** is **gymnastics**. The children will practise different jumps, leaps and rolls and how to use the gymnastics equipment effectively.

The **outdoor PE focus** is **Tri-Golf** where children will learn how to strike a ball using a either putter or pitching wedge, depending on the type of shot to be played. They will also encounter some of the traps and hazards found on a golf course (but no bunkers or water hazards!)



Art

They will learn about the different types of **sketching pencils** and what they can use them for before learning to sketch and shade pictures of plant. They will then have a chance to experiment with **charcoal** and **pastels**.

Religious Education

The focus of the unit is on **being thankful**. The children will also learn about the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

French

We begin by learning about France and other Francophone countries. We learn a rhyme in French which helps us to practise **greetings** and **responses**. We will learn to ask someone their **name** and their **age**, and respond. Lastly, we will learn to talk about members in our family.



Music

We will focus on **pulse** and rhythm. Children will write simple rhythms using musical notation. They will learn the names of traditional Samba instruments and play some of the rhythmic patterns of this style of music.

Computing

The children will learn to log on to the computers, and how to different folders can be accessed and organized.

They will use Microsoft Word to create different effects with font style, size and colour as well as including pictures in order to produce eye-catching documents.

We will also show the children how to use our learning platform in preparation for homework later in the term.

English

Our Literacy work this half term will be linked to 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. If you have any other Roald Dahl books at home, you might like to share them with your child.

Our first focus will be on nouns and verbs, and how to write in complete sentences with correct punctuation.

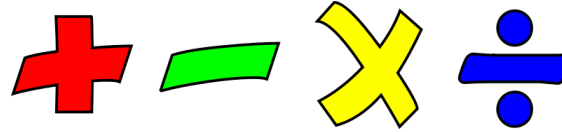
We will create our own Twit character and **describe them**, before finding out about all the different tricks that the Twits play on each other. We will then create our own class book of tricks to play on the Twits, focusing on **instruction** writing.

In spelling and phonics, the children will practise the phonics sounds that they have learnt already, and use them to spell words correctly. We will also revise the common exception words for Year 1 and 2 to ensure that children can spell them correctly in their writing. Your child will either be following level 3, 5 or 6 phonics, following on from what had been taught previously.



Mathematics

In Mathematics this term the children will be revising some key skills:



- Writing numbers bigger than 100 in numerals and words
- Recognise what each digit represents and how to show that using place value equipment
- Find 1 more or less than a number
- Find 10 more or less than a number
- Know the 10 times table up to 12×10
- Know the 2 times table up to 12×2
- Add and subtract a 1-digit number from a 3-digit number
- Add and subtract a multiple of 10 from a 3-digit number
- Use a range of methods to show addition and subtraction, for example, bar models and number lines.

Homework

Children should read at least three times a week to an adult.



After October half term, we will introduce two-week homework which the children will be able to access through DB Primary. We will send out the username and passwords for this in advance, and also familiarise the children with it before half term.

We will celebrate Roald Dahl day on Monday 12th September. If your child has a favourite Roald Dahl book, we would love them to bring it in!



We would love to see you at our Family Board Game afternoon:
Monday 19th September at 2pm

