

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

4th September 2023 – 20th October
2023

Science

The children will learn about light and shadow – with lots of outdoor experiments as long as the weather stays sunny!

They will learn about opaque, transparent and translucent materials and see the effect this has on making shadows.



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 on **invasion games** where children will play a variety of games which are football related. They will also improve their skills relating to receiving a ball on the move, passing and ball control.



Art

Our focus will be on using light and shadow in Art. We will look at Rembrandt's work, as well as pieces by modern artists. The children will learn to use different types of sketching pencils to create light and shade, and learn to make tints and shades using paint. Their finished piece will be a triptych using sketching, painting and photography.

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 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 English work this half term will be linked to 'Journey', 'Quest' and 'Return' by Aaron Becker.

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

We will then learn about prepositions and prepositional phrases to expand our sentences further.

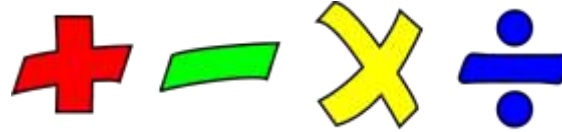
As we follow the stories, we will look at the features of instructional writing, to explain how the children could earn a crown from going on a quest.

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 high frequency words and the common exception words for Year 1 and 2 to ensure that children can spell them correctly in their writing.



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.

We will begin to send out lists of words for children to learn to spell at the end of September. These will be published weekly on DB Primary. We will send out the username and passwords for this in advance, and also familiarise the children with using DB over the next few weeks.

We would love to see you
at our Family Board Game
afternoon:

Monday 18th September
at 2pm

