

Year 3 – Spring 2

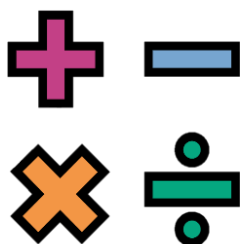
Literacy



In our writing lessons, we will first be using the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham to write our own descriptions, letters and a non-chronological report. We will then look at the book 'The Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold to create our own version of a suspense narrative.

In our reading lessons, we will be looking at 'Africa, Amazing Africa' by Atinuke. This beautifully-written text captures Africa's unique mix of the modern and the traditional, as the author explores its geography, people, animals, history, resources and cultural diversity. Children will develop their fact-finding skills, as well as summarising, matching, sequencing, asking questions, and not forgetting simply reading for pleasure from this wonderful text. We will then use 'The White Fox' by Jackie Morris to look at characters' motivations in order to understand their behaviours and study the language used by the author to portray the range of emotions felt at different points in the story.

Maths



In Maths, we will complete a unit about Fractions. We will learn about the numerators and denominators of unit and non-unit fractions. We will learn how to find fractions of amounts and will compare fractions on number lines. Then we will complete a unit on Mass and Capacity. Here, we will measure and compare mass in grams and kilograms, as well as capacity in millilitres and litres.

Science



In our Science topic of Light, we will learn about light sources, including the sun, and how shadows are made. We will conduct an investigation to explore: How does the distance between the light source and the object affect the size of a shadow?

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Computing



In Computing, we will develop our understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. We will create physical and on-screen branching databases. To conclude the unit, we will create an identification tool using a branching database, which we will test by using it.

Design Technology



Our Design and Technology focus this half-term is Food Technology. We will design and create a stew. We will have the opportunity to develop skills of chopping and peeling.

History



In History, we will be continuing our exploration of Roman Britain. We will learn about how roads have changed over time and what homes were like in the Roman period. We will learn about what happened to the Roman Empire and the impact it had on Britain.

MFL



In Spring 2, the children will continue to learn how to talk about their personal lives in Spanish, including discussing their family, where they live, how old they are and their nationality.

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Music



In Music, we will continue the topic of Exploring Percussion and Recorders. During this topic, the children will improve their ability to recognize and control changes in pitch, develop an awareness of simple music structures, and explore and play simple melodic patterns on pitched percussion instruments.

PE



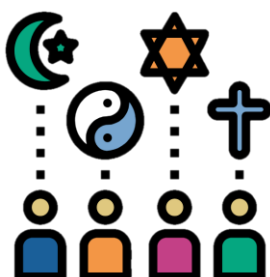
In PE, Year 3 will be learning about Gymnastics. In this unit pupils develop balancing, rolling and jumping. They use these skills individually and in combination. Pupils develop their sequence of work, collaborating with others to use matching and contrasting actions and shapes and develop linking sequences smoothly with actions that flow. The children will develop their confidence to perform, considering the quality and control of their actions.

PSHE



Our PSHE topic is Being My Best. We will learn what 'taking ownership' means and give examples of ways that we can take ownership over our health. We will consider the aspirations we have for when we're older and set some goals to achieve these.

RE



This half-term, we will be learning about Christianity and the Holy Week. We will explore Lent and learn why Christians give something up over Lent. We will then learn about the events of the Last Supper and how it translates to Holy Communion.