

Year 3 – Spring 2

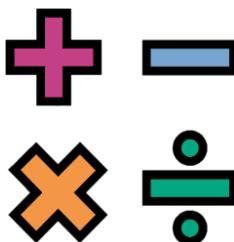
Literacy



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 build on our knowledge of 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. The children will then explore 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 lessons we will learn about forces, how friction is created and conduct an experiment on its effects. We will then learn about magnets and their poles, including how they attract and repel each other.

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Art



In Art, the children will explore the use of collage in art and study the link artist Henry Matisse. They will look at choosing colours, experimenting with size, shape and composition before creating their own independent piece. Children will then evaluate their work and discuss the significance of positive and negative space.

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.

Geography



This half-term in Geography, we will study the country of France. Children will locate France on a map and name surrounding countries. They will explore key physical features and identify major cities and landmarks. We will compare France to the UK and will learn about French culture and regional diversity, including food, traditions, and language.

MFL



In Spring 2, the children will learn about parts of the body and begin to describe themselves in Spanish. We will learn by singing songs in Spanish, including the Spanish version of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', as well as practicing our conversation skills.

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Music



In Music, we will look at singing in French. The children will learn a traditional French song and arrange a simple percussion accompaniment. They will learn to rap and rhyme in a new language and improvise with body percussion and performance.

PE



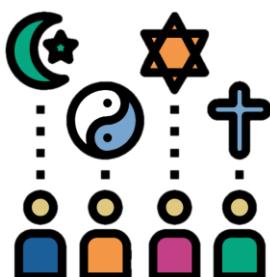
In PE, Year 3 will be learning about Gymnastics. In this unit pupils develop balancing, rolling and jumping. They will use these skills individually and in combination. Pupils develop their sequence of work, collaborating with others to use matching and contrasting actions and shapes and develop linking 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 Islamic festivals and identifying the main celebrations within the religion of Islam. Children will develop an understanding of the significance of these festivals and explore how they are celebrated by Muslims around the world.