



Year 3 Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term



Maths

Children will develop their understanding of Place Value up to 1000 including estimating, ordering and comparing numbers. In Addition and Subtraction children will estimate answers and use the inverse to check results. Arrays will be used to support their understanding of Multiplication and Division.

Literacy

Children will begin working on developing their understanding of sentence construction during 'The Place Value of Punctuation.' They will then write their own Kennings—a form of puzzle poetry . Year 3 will end Autumn term writing their own narrative based on Aesop's Fables.

Religious Education

The first RE topic 'Homes' will look at who our families are. Children will then find out more about the sacrament of Baptism in the topic 'Promises.' During the Season of Advent, children will find out how we wait for the coming of Jesus in the topic 'Visitors'.

Science

Year 3 will begin with the topic 'Plants' during which children will identify and describe the function of the parts of a plant. They will explore the life cycle of flowering plants, the requirement of plants for life and growth and how water is transported between plants. In Autumn 2 children will study the 'Science of Rocks.'

History

Year 3 will answer the question 'How much did Ancient Egypt change over time?' in Autumn term 1. They will discover the original settlements based around the River Nile and the developing power structures that emerged . In Autumn 2 they will answer the question 'How similar and how different were Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer?'

Geography

The first question in Geography is 'How do rivers, people and land affect each other?' with a focus on The River Indus and The River Severn. They will look at how rivers get their water, how they shape the land and how they are used by the local population. In Autumn 2 they will answer the question 'How do mountains and people affect each other?'

Physical Education

In Autumn 1 children will focus on symmetry and asymmetry in a range of Gymnastic movements. In Autumn 2 children will build on the Ball Skills developed over Key Stage 1 and use them in Invasion Games with a focus on Football.

Music

Year 3 will begin with 'Writing Down Music' during which children will develop their ability to write musical symbols on a staff. They will learn the correct musical names for the symbols. In Autumn 2 children will read the notation of an instrumental part while playing together during the unit 'Playing with a Band.'

Art and Design Technology

In Design Technology children will design, produce and test their own healthy pizzas. In Art children will focus on the use of shapes, shading and texture in order to enhance their drawing skills in the 'Growing Artists' topic.

Modern Foreign Languages

Year 3 will develop the ability to 'Describe me and others' in French using adjectives to describe mood and character. In Autumn 2 they will begin to 'Say what I and others have' using nouns for possession and a range of prepositional phrases.