

YEAR 3

Curriculum Newsletter | Autumn Term | Year 3

Our main topic for this term is North America.

The areas that we will be covering this term will be:

English

- * Reading and writing adventure stories based on the texts by Anthony Browne and a book called 'Jack's Fantastic Voyage'.
- * Produce a holiday brochure about Florida
- * Writing a letter as a persuasion text.
- * Reading, writing and performing different forms of poetry.

Spelling

- * Reading and spelling the Year 3 tricky words.
- * Reading and spelling words which include 'ei' for the 'ay' sound, for example vein, reign, eight.
- * Investigating the spelling of homophones (words which sound the same but have different spellings and meanings) for example, weight and wait.
- * Developing understanding of the function of prefixes and learning to spell words with the prefixes– mis, dis, un and re

Mathematics

- * Understanding the value of each digit in 3 digit numbers and partitioning them (splitting) into H,T,U
- * Finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a given number
- * Comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000.
- * Finding patterns in a number sequence.
- * Adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits, using formal columnar methods of addition and subtraction.
- * Recalling and using multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

- * Working Scientifically – the children will carry out a range of investigations to help develop the scientific skills of asking questions, observing, describing, measuring, recording and comparing.
- * Learning about famous scientists and the discoveries they made.

Computing

- * Word processing – saving and retrieving files and improving our keyboard skills.
- * Creating a narrated video clip linked to the theme of 'We are Presenters'



Physical Education

- * Developing physical skills such as throwing, catching and running and applying them to game situations, for example, Kwik-Cricket.
- * Working collaboratively to learn American line dancing moves and using these to create our own routines.

Art and Design

- * Creating sketches and pictures in the folk art style of the American artist Heather Galler.
- * Drawing landscapes of deserts and cities using, pencil, soft pastel and pen.

Design and Technology

- * Designing and creating a dream catcher based on Native American Indian designs.

Geography/History

- * Locating America within the world and in relation to the United Kingdom.
- * Identifying the 50 American states and learning about some of the famous landmarks.
- * Researching the geography of the State of Florida beyond the Magic Kingdom in Orlando.
- * Finding out about the culture and diversity in modern day America,
- * Learning about the people who settled in America and how this changed the country.

French

- * Learning to greet each other in French and use key vocabulary linked to numbers 0-12 and colours.

Music

- * Listening and responding to the musical styles commonly associated with America, for example, country music, with a particular focus on rhythm.
- * Learning about national anthems and performing our own class anthem in ensembles and groups.

P.S.H.E.e

- * New Beginnings – sessions will focus on a successful and happy start to a new school year.

Religious Education

- * What do different people believe about God – focusing on the Christian, Islamic and Sikh Faiths.



Please help your child to:

- * Complete all homework assignments and hand in on Monday.
- * Mathematics - Learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and corresponding division facts.
- * Spellings - Practise spellings for both the tricky words and weekly spellings.
- * Remember PE kit on a Tuesday and Thursday.
- * Remember library book on a Monday.
- * Remember to change going home book on a Monday.

Your child has also been given a username and password so that they can access the Mathletics website. Their details can be found on the front inside cover of their homework book. Please encourage your child to use this exciting online maths programme on a weekly basis

There are a number of special events/activities taking place this term; please see the newsletter, website and school app for further details.

If you need any further information, then please contact Mrs Archer or Mrs Askham

