

St Joseph's Primary

Curriculum Overview



Year 3 – St Francis of Assisi Class

Spring Term 2019

Overview of the Year 3 curriculum for the Spring Term.

ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening: In conjunction with our writing work we will be learning to expand our vocabulary through the use of dictionaries, thesauruses and group discussion. We will also be regularly using Talk Partners to learn skills in deepening our understanding of a subject and fostering a pro-social conversation. We will also be reciting and performing written work to the rest of the class.

Writing: We will be focusing on using our phonics knowledge and using support materials, such as dictionaries, to check our spelling. We will continue to work on joining our handwriting.

Reading: We will complete Guided Reading activities which include reading as a class, class discussions, spelling and handwriting activities as well as comprehension tasks. We are encouraging children to read at home as often as possible, recording this in their reading record.

Spelling: We will be practising set spellings through our homework to support the new spelling skills we learn in class.

MATHS- Multiplication and Division – We will be continuing to practice our 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. As we progress we will be learning to solve problems using a variety of learning materials, such as arrays, repeated addition and mental methods.

Measurement: Money – We will work using pounds and pence to build confidence with converting amounts, adding, subtracting and giving change,

Statistics – We will be learning about and investigating the use of pictograms, bar charts and tables.

Measurement: Length and perimeter – We will build upon the idea of measurement in mm and cm. looking at comparing, adding and subtracting lengths as well as calculating perimeter,

Number: Fractions – We will look at unit and non-unit fractions, tenths as fractions and decimals and calculating fractions of sets of objects,

SCIENCE - Science will continue to be taught in the first half of the term and will be as practical as possible. Children will have the opportunity this term to learn about light sources, reflections and creating shadows. We will also be looking at the structure, purpose and life cycle of plants and how they transport water.

RE – RE continues to form a core part of our curriculum here at St Joseph's. Please see the separate newsletter regarding an overview for the 'Come and See' programme.

GEOGRAPHY –

In geography we will be focusing on our class topic of Mountain High, River Deep. We will be paying close attention to physical features of landscapes around the world including rivers, mountains and valleys. This will link in closely with the work we will do on the water cycle, trade links and settlements.

We will also build into this geographical skills and fieldwork including the use of maps, compasses, graphs and atlases.

PE – Thursday - We will also be working on our ball skills by practising dribbling, passing and aiming at a target. These sessions will be led by Miss Pippa.

Friday This half term we are lucky enough to be joined by South Coast Elite Basketball coach Rufus, who will be working with the class to develop their understanding of basketball and related skills. This will include throwing, catching, tactics and teamwork.

ART and D&T – This will be led by Mrs Hill, who is starting off by getting the class to think about sketching physical features of our landscapes. This will then develop into D&T work linked to our topic.

MUSIC – Mrs Brownbill takes a weekly whole school Hymn Practise to provide practise and application of singing skills. Mrs Brownbill will also take one music lesson on a Thursday morning to support this further.

ICT – In Computing, children are continuing their work with the programme 'Scratch', learning how to detect and correct errors in code. Scratch is also easily accessed at home as it is available online for free.

SPANISH – This term the children will begin to explore Spanish with Miss Matthews. The class will be discovering all about different colours, food, drink and animals.

HOMEWORK – In the spring term homework will be one Maths assignment, one English assignment along with regular spellings and times tables practise. An extended project may be set for the half term and Easter. Homework will be given out on a Thursday, to be returned the following Tuesday. There will be a homework club on a Friday lunchtime for any children struggling with the work they have been set. Those children who do not return the homework by Tuesday morning will be required to complete their homework during lunchtimes and Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. Children need to be aware of the school rule that homework not returned on time is not acceptable. If there are difficulties or concerns with the homework parents are welcome to contact the class teacher, Mr Sutherland.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Sutherland, Miss Vowles and Miss Taylor.