

St. Mary's RC Primary School
Year 3
Half termly Overview – Spring One

Religion

In RE, our topic is called Galilee to Jerusalem. The unit starts by covering the visit of the Magi before finding out how The Kingdom of God is revealed to us in Matthew's Gospel. This is done by studying different parables and miracles and linking them to what it tells us about the Kingdom of God.



Maths

Multiplication and Division B

The children will be learning to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. They will learn to calculate equations that require exchanges to be made, as well as those which have remainders.

Length and Perimeter

Year 3 will learn to measure accurately in millimetres, centimetres and metres.

They will learn what perimeter is and how to calculate the perimeter of various shapes. In addition, we will learn to convert measurements into different units of measurement e.g. $125\text{cm} = 1.25\text{m} = 1250\text{mm}$



Guided Reading

In reading, the children will read various texts during guided reading sessions. They will read both a variety of fiction texts and non-fiction texts which link to topics studied in foundation subjects, such as the human body, animals and the Romans. Within these sessions, they will work on a range of reading skills, such as inference, retrieval and summarising.



Writing

In English, the children will be reading 'The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs' by Fiona Robison. This follows the life of Anna Atkins, a remarkable botanist and photographer who made significant contributions to both fields. They will be writing in a variety of different forms, including descriptive and instructional texts. They will also be learning a lot about life in the Victorian era, as this is made her discoveries.



Science

In Science, Year 3 are learning about rocks! The children will learn how to compare and group together different rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Also, we will learn how to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Finally, we will look at how to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



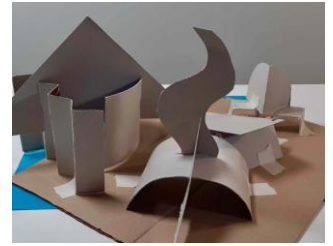
History

Our topic in History is the Romans. We will be looking at what was important to people living in the Roman era and exploring the meaning of words such as empire, invasion, legacy and settlement. We will also look at the different reasons for the Roman invasion of Britain and explain how the Celts responded to the Roman invasion.



Art

In Art, our topic is 3D sculpture. We will be trying out different ways to make card shapes three-dimensional and making free-standing structures that hold their 3D shape inspired by the work of Anthony Caro.



Physical Education

In PE, Year 3 will be taking part in both orienteering activities and dodgeball this half term. They will be learning how to support their team mates positively to solve problems in orienteering, whilst mastering skills such as over arm throws, attack and defence in dodgeball.



Music

In Year 3, this half term the children will be looking at music theory using keyboards. They will learn to play C major scale, name the white keys on the keyboard, identify C, D and E on the treble stave and know what dynamics and tempo are.



PSHE

This half term, the children will learn all about their brain through our 'My Happy Mind' programme. They will be taught about the three parts of the brain: Hippocampus, Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex and how we can help them to work together. In addition, they will also be learning about identity and individuality and the different factors that can contribute to someone's personal identity.



Homework

This half term, Y3 have been asked to complete a creative homework linked to a school topic (The Romans). This has been shared via Class Dojo and should be handed in by Monday 9th February. They will also be given a reading book each Monday to read throughout the week. In addition, each Friday children will be given spellings to practise in readiness for a test the following Friday and a piece of English/Maths based homework to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Other important information

- Y3 have PE every Monday and Thursday. Children can come to school in their PE kits.
- Please return homework books every Friday for new spellings to be stuck in.
- We ask that all reading books are returned on a Monday ready for a new book to be sent home.
- In Art we will be making 3D sculptures, using easy-to-cut cardboard as a base. If you have any at home, please could you donate them to school so we have a selection for our lessons. Feel free to bring them in at any point throughout the half term as our topic spans several weeks. Thank you!