

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2 - 2023

Our theme for Spring half term 2 is:

Rock n' Roll

Our main focuses are:

- To learn about the different types of rocks and how they are made.
- To discuss the differences between soils and to find out how fossils are formed.



Our theme will last for:

5 weeks

French

This half term we will be learning about musical instruments. We will be learning the French vocabulary and how to talk about music in French.



No Outsiders

"The Truth About Old People" by Elina Ellis is our 'No Outsiders' book focus for this half term. We will learn what a stereotypes is and how these are not accurate.

P.S.H.E.

The children will also be learning about what a risk is and how to manage them. We will look at potential risks regarding water, fire, roads and railways.



Behaviour and Safety

The children will be learning all about Clever Never Goes. This campaign teaches the children how to be safe in different situations.

P.E.

To keep us fit and healthy during the Spring term 2, we are going to take part in a range of invasion games, with a focus on basketball. We will learn how to move into spaces and communicate with our team mates.

Our P.E. day is Monday.

Geography

We will be learning about how mountains and volcanoes are formed and the role tectonic plates have. Our curiosity will also lead us to understanding why people choose to live on or near volcanoes.

English:

We're super excited to be reading 'Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl' by Debbi Michiko Florence.

- We will be writing a guidebook to advertise a seaside town, using our knowledge of Skegness.
- Our empathy skills will be put to the test when we write a diary entry.
- We will also write a pamphlet for a talent show.
- In reading, we will focus on author's use of language, thinking about the impact of these words and summarising what we have read so far

On a weekly basis, your child will have a reading session with a buddy. This is to encourage their confidence of reading aloud and promote a love of learning.



We are still going to be running our reading journal competition again this half-term, so please remind your child to read every evening for 15 minutes.

Science

Calling all scientists! We are going to spend this term looking at different types of rocks and how they are made. We will discover how fossils are formed from millions of year ago. Finally, we will investigate different soil types.



Art

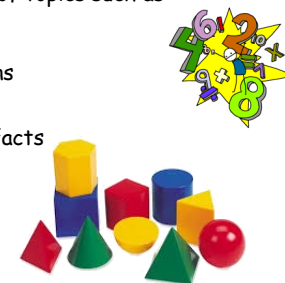
In Art this term we will be using our computer skills to create a 'Happy and Healthy' poster using knowledge from our Energised Earth topic. We will also be looking at what techniques artists use with colour, shape and space to make an effective poster.



Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Rock n' Roll' in where possible. We will be covering a wide variety of topics such as:

- Finding fraction of amounts
- Working out discounts using fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Recall of multiplication and division facts
- Recognizing 2D and 3D shapes.
- Creating 3D shapes
- Drawing circles and triangles



It is vital that your child knows their times tables, specifically their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Knowing these will really help when it comes to solving problems related to multiplication and division.

The big focus this half-term is embedding the children's understanding of fractions and division. Please work with your child at home to support them in working out fractions of amounts as often as possible as well as working out how to divide numbers.

Computing

Lights, camera, action! Year 3 will be learning how to create videos and presentations using apps such as Puppet Pals.



Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons this half-term, we will be exploring the beliefs of Sikhism and we will be focusing on:

- Guru Granth Sahib
- Places of worship
- Food for all
- Festivals



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them in to a sentence. An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis, as well as a weekly Seesaw Writing Challenge. Raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. Our half-termly homework will focus on rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes.

Dates for the diary:

Week 27th February — Aspirations Week
Thursday 2nd March — World Book Day
Friday 3rd March — Parents & Carers job afternoon
Week 13th March — National Science and Engineering Week
Monday 20th March — Geckos and Chameleons to National Stone Centre
Tuesday 21st March — Dragons and Turtles to National Stone Centre
Week 20th March — National Poetry Week
Friday 31st March — Wear a Hat Day

