

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2024

Our theme for Summer half term one 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:

7 weeks



French

Bonjour! This half-term, we will be learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood in French. We will learn the names of different body parts to help us retell the story 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. and Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be learning how to keep a balanced lifestyle and what happens if we lead an inactive lifestyle. This half term our focus will be *Respect*. Our British Value we will be focusing on is tolerance of others.

P.E.

We are very excited to be learning athletics this half-term and will be taking part in a mini-Olympics! Our P.E. day is Friday.

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. This half term, we will cover:

- We will be writing and performing our own Cinquain poems during Poetry Week.
- 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.

The children will be taking part in weekly guided reading sessions and, where possible, we will be linking in Rocks and Fossils texts. It would be wonderful if you could ask your child about the stories they have been reading.

Our trial with Fonetti has now come to an end and we will be reverting back to recording home reading in reading journals.



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 years 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 earlier this year. 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:

- Exploring Change: telling the time from an analogue clock and being able to recognise Roman Numerals. We will also learn about digital time, the 24 hour clock and time facts such as days in a year and the days in each month.
- Multiplication and division: learning how to divide using the bar model as well as multiplying using a column method. We will also learn about scale and correspondence problems.
- Measure: understanding length, mass and capacity as well as perimeter around shapes. We will also work with different units of measure and begin to understand how to convert them.



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.

A 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 into 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 commencing 8th April: Aspirations Week
 Week commencing 15th April: British Science and Engineering Week
 Friday 3rd May: Y3 Trip to Bradgate Park
 Wednesday 8th May: Dragons' Family Assembly
 Week commencing 13th May: Mental Health Awareness Week
 Week commencing 20th May: Map Skills Week
 Wednesday 22nd May: Geckos' Family Assembly

