

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2- 2024

Our theme for Spring Term is:



Our main focuses are:

- To explore the amazing world of superheroes and villains.
- To explain how we can look after others and be more like superheroes in our own lives!

Our theme will last for:

4 weeks

French

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



Personal, Social and Health Education (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.

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.

Computing

We will be using block language to create our own algorithms and games on the Code.org website. Spotting and correcting mistakes will be our main priority but we will also look at how to repeat commands and work through code efficiently.



P.E.

We can't wait for P.E. this half term because we are going to be focusing on dance! We will learn about different types of dance as well as learning dance routines. We will then use all of these ideas to create our own fabulous dance routines.

Please can we remind you that children need to have their P.E. kits in school on **Friday**.

The kit must include **black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and indoor and outdoor shoes.**



English:

This half term our novel will be based around the superhero book 'Traction Man'. Your child will be learning to write a variety of texts which will include:

- Stories about Traction Man as well as children's own toys from home;
- A radio advert selling the latest Traction Man toy!
- Deepening our understanding of grammar, including: main clauses, conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases.

Our reading lessons will be based on 'Traction Man' as well as other superhero texts. We will be working on understanding themes in books, predicting character motives and intentions and looking at words that capture the readers' interest and imagination.

It would be great if your child could read some superhero-themed books at home.



Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Kapow' in where possible. Areas we will be covering in our Maths lessons are:

- Using practical methods to work out division questions.
- Recall of multiplication and division facts
- Finding fraction of amounts
- Working out discounts using fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions



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.

To further support your child at home with Mathematics, you can login to times tables rock stars and have a go at mastering different times tables. There is also weekly homework set on Seesaw to support the Mathematics topics in school.

Science

Uh oh! Magneto is causing havoc yet again! We are going to be finding ways to stop him by understanding his impressive powers of magnetism. We will be understanding magnetic forces, magnetic materials and that magnets have poles. We will also look into how friction affects objects on different surfaces by conducting a scientific experiment.



Art

This half term, our artwork will explore the amazing world of superheroes. We will learn about sketching and different types of line drawing. We will focus on the artist Chris Sprouse and his fabulous superhero creations.

Music

We will be learning the song 'Three Little Birds' on the glockenspiel and learning to read musical notes.

Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Christianity and looking at:

- Temptation - Focusing on the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.
- Lent and Easter - What it is and why Christians celebrate it.



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.



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the 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. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers.

For topic homework, we would like to see your creativity to do with our topic: Kapow! You could focus on any subject but we would like to see 4 weeks worth of home learning.

Dates for your diary

World book day — Thursday 7th March
Book Fayre—Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March
Crystal Maze Week — Week commencing 11th March
Comic relief — Friday 15th March
Chameleons Family Assembly — Wednesday 20th March
Poetry Days — Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March

