

Spring 1 in Year 3



English

Our English lessons this half term has started with a narrative focusing on the book: *The Secret of Black Rock*. The children have really enjoyed the book so far and are gathering a wide range of vocabulary. We will then move onto a topic about 'The Journal of Iliona' who is a young slave. They will be writing a diary entry using a variety of Roman knowledge.

We are reading...



In handwriting, we will continue to focus on joining certain letters, remembering not to join descending letters. Spelling lessons will continue to focus on prefixes and suffixes. The children have been taught the following suffixes: ed, es, ing, er, est, s, ful, ness, less, ly. Any practice at home would be fantastic!

Maths

We started after maths lessons this half term continuing with multiplication and division. The children have been learning a new skill of multiplying and dividing two digit numbers by one digit numbers. We will then move onto length and perimeter - measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres. Our lessons will then progress to comparing, adding and subtracting lengths. Then, we will calculate perimeter.

Science

During our science topic this half term, we are focusing on scientific enquiry. The children will complete a range of experiments. The lessons will focus mainly on how to write a prediction and method. Also, they will interpret the data and create a range of different graphs to show their results.

Art

Year 3 are very excited to have art again this half term! We will be developing our sketching and drawing skills so the children view themselves as artists. Our lessons will involve recognising how artists use shape, understand how to create tone by shading, look at texture and explore composition and scale. We will be learning how to use drawing pencils effectively to create detailed observational drawings.



History

History this half term is all about the Romans, with a new topic name 'Rise of the Empire!' We will investigate ancient Rome, explore causes and of the Roman invasion of Britain, investigate how Britain responded and understand why the Roman army was so strong.

The children will then answer the following question, 'why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?'

We will explore artefacts, famous buildings and the life of a Roman soldier.

RE

RE will focus on the concept of 'Holy Trinity'. We will learn what the Trinity is and why it is important to Christians. They will be able to understand the baby Moses story and how this links to the importance of water. We will also recognise what a Gospel is.

Music

During music, the topic is focused on developing singing techniques linking it to the theme of Vikings. We will practice singing in time with each other and the music. The children will also get to compose their own Viking battle songs that they will have the opportunity to perform in front of each other.

PSHCE

Throughout PSHCE this half term, the children will be focusing on Dreams and Goals. We will discuss staying motivated even when something is challenging, how to work well in a group, having a positive attitude and how we can work together and help others to achieve too.

Computing

In our computing lessons, we will be using the laptops to learn how to use Scratch. The children will learn how to programme a character, create sequences, give commands and ultimately bring their imagination to life through computer programming.

PE

This half term, we will focus on Netball followed by Gymnastics. The children will learn the different types of passes, how to shoot and understand the rules of the game. We will then move onto Gymnastics which will involve learning a range of balances and rolls, to perform in unison with a partner and completing jumps from different heights.