



Brindle St James' CE Primary School



What we are learning this term

Class 3	Autumn 2026	Class teachers: Mrs Chase and Mrs Baldwin	Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cann and Mrs Banbury
Overview			
This Autumn Term for Class 3 includes a six-weekly visit from Gareth Walker of 'Literacy Kicks' to explore writing in a journalistic style relating to sports stories. Bikeability will take place this term for the Year 6 children. In the second Half Term the children will create pasties in DT and make objects for the 'Enterprise' Day at the Christmas Cafe.			
English	Mathematics	Science	
In English Gareth Walker of 'Literacy Kicks' will return to Class 3 to teach the children journalistic writing through his very inspirational sports videos. We will also be reading legends; the children will be innovating their own version based on 'Gelert'. They will be researching residential visits; writing and present a persuasive pitch. Later in the term we will be reading 'Running Wild' and write a survival/adventure story.	This term the Year 5 & 6 children will continue to follow the mastery approach to further develop their understanding of these strands: Year 5: Number: number and place value/ addition and subtraction/ multiplication and division/ fractions (including decimals and percentages). Year 6: Number: number and place value/ addition, subtraction, multiplication and division/ fractions Measurement: imperial and metric measures.	In Science, the children will study Living Things & Their Habitats - Differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. They will then study Light - Light travels in straight lines to explain how we see things & how shadows are formed. NOTE for 26/27 Y6: Earth and Space - experiment on gravity & air resistance (paper spinners) -research on friction (design a marble run) .	
RE	Computing, PSHE & Music	Geography & History	
In RE this term the class will explore How and why Christians read the Bible through the theme of ' Why Are Sacred Texts/Holy Books So Important to People of Faith ' This learning aims to deepen children's understanding of the importance and impact of the contents of the Bible in the lives of Christians. They will also develop their understanding of the significance of holy books in the lives of the people of all world faiths especially The Torah in Judaism. Next, they will explore How Christmas celebrated around the world through the theme of ' How Does the Birth of Jesus Fit Into God's Big Story? ' The aim of this unit is to develop children's perceptions of Christmas celebrations beyond their own personal experiences and deepen their understanding of the ways in which Christmas celebrations reveal Christian beliefs.	In Computing , Class 3 will learn about Information Technology through the topic: Video Creation Greenscreen News Report . In PSHE they will explore their relationships, learning how to work collaboratively and describe strategies for resolving difficult issues or situations. They will learn to understand and rehearse assertiveness skills; explain what is meant by the terms negotiation and compromise. They will also explore strategies for resolving difficult issues or situations. Later, through the topic ' Valuing Difference ', they will develop an understanding of discrimination and its injustice. They will describe the benefits of living in a diverse society and give examples of how bullying behaviours can be stopped. In music , as part of our updated creative music scheme the class study ' Music Speaks ' to create and produce music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrasts using YuStudio. They use chord changes as part of a sequenced HipHop composition.	In Geography , this term, the children will study ' Why do oceans matter? ' They will examine the importance of oceans by learning how people use and affect marine environments. Later, in History , the children will study ' What can the census tell us about local areas? ' They will investigate the census by exploring what we can learn about Victorian children and jobs in our local area.	
Art & DT	Modern Foreign Language		
In Art , this term, Class 3 will explore how 2D drawings can be transformed to 3D objects and work towards a sculptural outcome or a graphic design outcome using, as inspiration, the art of artist Claire Harrup. Later, in DT , Class 3 will evaluate, create recipes for and make pasties.	In French, the children will learn French through the topic ' School: 'avoir', 'être', 'il y a' and regular verbs in the present ' The children secure prior knowledge of essential verbs, introducing and describing friends. They revisit useful verbs for class activities and instructions, numbers 1-31 and extend their knowledge of negation to 'il n'y a pas de'. Knowledge of several key sounds is strengthened.		