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| Gusford Primary School Curriculum Information Year 3 – Autumn 1 |

Kindness Honesty Respect Confidence Responsibility

Maths

In maths we will be learning core skills such as about place value and using partitioning to further deepen our understanding of each digit in a number. We will use concrete, abstract and pictorial approaches to our lessons to ensure progress and enrichment for all learners. In our second unit, we will focus on addition and subtraction. This will be a consolidation of number bonds from our prior learning, progressing on to formal written methods such as column addition and subtraction. We will continue to learn times tables and this will be through games such as Times Tables Rockstars.

Science

In science we will be learning about Animals (including humans). We will be investigating the importance of skeletons and comparing and analysing endoskeletons and exoskeletons. We will also be identifying the similarities and differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. We will be learning about the muscles of the body and how they help support movement. Finally, we will be exploring different animals’ diets and learning about the importance of a healthy, well balanced diet and how this can give you the nutrients and energy that their bodies (and our own) need.

English

In English our primary text is ‘The Stone Age Boy’. As readers, we will be developing our fluency of reading alongside our comprehension skills. We will learn how to retrieve precise vocabulary as well as information from the text.

As writers, our focus is developing our adventure story writing, adding adjectives for character and setting description and we will be learning how to structure our writing to engage the reader.

Through our grammar lessons we will expand our sentence structures as well as accurately using punctuation for effect in our stories.

What can you do at home?

Read other books written by Satoshi Kitamura.

Write a description of one of your favourite places.

Try this science experiment…"Elephant Toothpaste"

https://babbledabbledo.com/amazing-science-how-to-make-elephant-toothpaste/

What can you do out and about?

Go for a walk-through Bluebell wood.

Can you spot any historical monuments?

Perhaps visit Melton Community Farm (free on Sundays).

Art

In art we are going to be learning how to evolve as artists in our new unit called ‘Growing Artists’. We will be improving upon our prior skills of shading and adding texture to our pictures. We will then move onto studying the works of Georgia O’Keefe as our focussed artist where we will be inspired to create our very own botanical drawings in her style as well as drawing abstract flowers.

History

In history we will firstly learn about the timeline of the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will examine what life was like for late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers. We will make comparisons to the modern world, developing our understanding of life without electricity and running water. We will then learn about Iron Age forts and settlements and compare the cultures of both Ages.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be revisiting previous learning, focusing on explaining some things learnt in PSHE in Year 2, identifying activities we enjoy and help us learn and explaining why rules can help everyone feel safe in class. We will be reflecting on our school values, rights and zones of regulations.

We will be reading the story ‘Oliver’ by Birgitta Sif, looking at understanding how difference can affect others.

RE

In RE this term, the focus faith will be Hinduism. Through our learning, we will be able to discuss and explain what importance the River Ganges has. We will also discover the exciting festival of Diwali and understand why the festival takes place and its significance in the Hindu religion. We will then discuss the importance of belonging and how the festival of Diwali demonstrates this.

Spanish

In Spanish our first language unit, we will be introduced to where Spanish is spoken around the world so as to understand the wider world. We will learn about the four pillars of learning a language before progressing to learning colours and numbers up to ten. We also learn basic greetings to introduce ourselves, being able to confidently listen to and respond to simple questions.

PE

In PE this term in our Netball and Golf units, we will look at running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. Play competitive games, modified where appropriate and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

Our Commando Joe’s sessions will support to develop life skills, a growth mindset and build resilience. Which will all have a positive impact on their engagement and importantly physical and mental well-being.

Music

In music this term, we will be using the Sing Up scheme to learn a new song called ‘I’ve been to Harlem’ by Hilary Miles. During the unit, we will analyse the structure of the song before developing our rhythm skills by creating cup rhythms as well as creating 3 note melodies to accompany the song. We will then end the unit by creating a class arrangement and performing it to the rest of the phase.

Computing

In our computing lessons, we will be looking at Networks and the Internet. We will be learning the concept of networks, learning how devices communicate. Identifying components, learning how information is shared and exploring examples of real-world networks.

Through our work on E-Safety we will be exploring and learning about online bullying.