



Gusford Primary School Curriculum Information

Year 3 – Autumn 1

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Confidence

Responsibility

English

In English we will be studying two different styles of texts. We will start the term looking at the traditional tale "The Magic Paintbrush" by Julia Donaldson focusing on adding description, using more complex sentence structures and introducing similes into our work.

Afterwards, we will be studying the text "My Strong Mind" by Niels Van Hove. This inspirational book tells a story about developing mental strength. We will use aspects of this text to write our own instructions and identify the steps people may need to have a "strong mind". Through our grammar lessons we will expand our sentence structures as well as accurately using punctuation for effect in our stories.

Maths

In maths we will be learning core skills such as 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 our number bonds from our prior learning, progressing on to formal written methods such as columnar addition and subtraction. We will continue to learn times tables and this will be through games such as TT Rockstars.

Science

In science we will be on 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.

What can you do at home?

Read other traditional tales.

Try this science experiment..."Elephant Toothpaste"

[https://babbledabbledo.com/amazing-science-how-to-make-elephant-](https://babbledabbledo.com/amazing-science-how-to-make-elephant-toothpaste/)

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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).

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.

Art

In art we are going to be focussing on our drawing skills this half term. As part of our learning, we will look to build upon our learning in Year 2 and develop our drawing skills. We will focus on observing carefully, shading with accuracy and applying line, shape and tone with digital tools.

RE

In RE this term, the focus faith will be Christianity. Through our learning, we will be thinking about the term 'reconciliation' and what the means for Christians and us in our everyday lives. We will look at the job of a peacemaker and the power of saying and showing you are sorry.

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.

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.

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. Project Evolve: Online Bullying.

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.

PE

In PE this term, our units consist of us learning about the Fundamentals of PE and Netball. During these lessons, we will be focussing on throwing, catching and running as well as skills such as playing by the rules, being a good sports person and our general fitness.