



Year 3 Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 1

English

Please continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis, commenting in your child's reading record. Please continue to support your child in English, by encouraging them to read and write daily at home and complete the weekly spellings homework.

The learning this half term will be based on Folk Tales and Biographies. Both units will focus on our local area (The Lancashire Giant and Tom Finney/Nick Park). Children will read different text types whilst discussing their understanding. Whilst reading The Lancashire Giant, children will discuss the main events within the story and identify themes across different tales. Reading biographies will give children the opportunity to identify key messages in a paragraph and discuss how information is organised in non-fiction texts. Throughout both units, **children** will have daily opportunities to write, focusing on prepositions, inverted commas and complex sentences. At the end of each unit, children will innovate a text to write their own version of the texts that have been studied.

Maths

This half term, children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division. Children will learn strategies to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers using practical resources as well as exploring ways of calculating mentally. We will then move on to our measurement unit where children will learn to count, add and subtract money. Finally, we will be looking at statistics and children will make tally charts and learn how to represent data using a bar chart.

R.E

The unit in this half term will be Jesus 'The Man Who Changed Lives', this unit will deepen children's insight into the impact Jesus had/has on people's lives. Through the unit we will look at what 'change' means and how our lives can be changed? We will look at how Jesus changed lives and discuss stories when Jesus changed lives. We will also reflect on what happens when Jesus changes a person's life and is it easy to change?

PE

This half term our PE will be on Tuesdays and Friday. Our Tuesday session will be dance with Mrs Howard. Children will learn to follow and choreograph simple dance routines in small groups. Our Friday session will be handball where children will develop their passing skills, movement and teamwork skills.

Computing

The computing unit this half term is focussed on spreadsheets. Children will learn why spreadsheets are used and how they can be useful. They will learn to create their own pie charts and bar graphs and use the different charts and spreadsheets to compare data.

PSHE

This term we will children will identify the characteristics of grown and fixed mindsets and to debate whether we are born to be good at something. We will discuss the importance of making mistakes as part of the learning process and create a learning cycle to illustrate how something was created. We will look at Living in the wider world, Money and work and discuss different jobs and skills, job stereotypes and setting personal goals

Topic

The theme for our topic this half term is our local area.

In History and Geography, we will be learning about the history of Preston by looking closely at maps; old and new. We will be looking at natural features and significant places in and around our local area. We will look at the similarities and differences of Preston in the past and the present.

In Science, children will be learning about light. They will learn what a light source is and identify different sources of light in everyday life. Children will also explore how shadows are formed and carry out a comparative test to find reflective materials.

In Spanish, children will be learning the names of different instruments.

In Music, children will listen to and appraise Reggae music by Bob Marley.