



Year 3 Curriculum Letter



Spring 2.

Key Information

Please ensure that your child attends school each day in a full school uniform, including black shoes. If this is not possible, please inform your child's class teacher. Your child must also bring their reading book and diary, along with a bottle of water to school each day. PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays for 3C and Tuesdays and Fridays for 3M. Please ensure that your child comes into school in a full PE kit with no earrings in on their PE day.

English

Please continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis, commenting in your child's reading record. We expect that children read with an adult 4-5 times a week. Your child will also be given weekly spellings to learn and then tested on these on a Friday.



Over the spring term our main unit will be based around the novel, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Over the course of the unit children will explore the vocabulary, punctuation and structure of the text. Children will participate in a range of shorter writing opportunities, building up to our own shared then independent write based on *The Iron Man*. Within the unit the main vocabulary focus will be on children using inverted commas to mark direct speech and generating and applying effective verbs and adverbs.

Maths

This term, children will continue to develop their understanding of measurement. Children will learn to count, add and subtract money. We will then be looking at statistics and children will make tally charts and learn how to draw bar charts. After that we will move on to length and perimeter where children will measure, add, subtract and compare lengths and perimeter.

R.E

The unit in this half term will be 'Exploring the sadness and joy of Easter'. The aim of the unit is for children to explore the Easter story from the angle of the feelings evoked by the different events throughout Holy Week and to discover how the services held in churches during Holy week reflect the sadness and joy. Children will listen to and retell the Easter story whilst considering the emotions felt during this time of year. As part of developing their understanding of Easter week, children will listen to and watch the events of Palm Sunday whilst linking references from the Bible. Through the unit children will reflect on their own emotions and feelings at this time of year as well as discovering the impact it has had across the world.



PE

This half term, children will be learning to play hockey and cricket. In hockey, children will learn to hold a hockey stick correctly before moving on to develop their passing, controlling dribbling and shooting skills. As with all units, we will also develop our teamwork and communication skills as well as improving our tactical understanding. In addition to this, children will learn to throw and catch a ball in cricket and to hit a stationary and then a moving ball. Finally, we will develop our bowling skills, both under arm and over arm.

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."

Computing



Children are going to be improving their typing skills this half term. Children will explore the different buttons on a keyboard and understand the function of them. Children will then initially practise typing with both hands before moving on to using just their left or right hand, dependant on which keys they will be pressing. By the end of the unit children will be more confident and quicker when using a keyboard.

Science

Children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will compare how things move on different surfaces and explore how some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. Children will also observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

PSHE

This term, children will be learning about the elements of a balanced, healthy lifestyle and about choices that support a healthy lifestyle and recognise what might influence these. We will discuss that regular exercise such as walking or cycling has positive benefits for their mental and physical health. We will also explore the things that affect feelings both positively and negatively, and discuss strategies to identify and talk about their feelings



Topic

Art- Children will make observational drawings based on the illustrations in *The Iron Man*.

DT- Children will make a board game using magnets.

Spanish – Children will be learning *The Little Red Riding Hood* in Spanish.

Music- The focus this half term will be *The Dragon Song*. Children will learn to sing a song and perform it in a way they choose.