



English:

Reading:

Our class text for the spring 3 term will be 'The Firework maker's daughter' by Philip Pullman, this links in very nicely with our geography topic for the term.

Writing:

Handwriting will continue to have a high focus during the Spring term with all children writing in a joined style. We will start our Writing in English by studying a variety of narrative texts, and then have a go at writing some of our own - focusing on character descriptions.

Spelling:

Spelling lessons will continue to take place 4-5 times a week and will build a knowledge of different spelling patterns. They will bring home a list of words at the start of each unit to learn and help them further explore the rules we are learning about. A small test will be given at the end of each unit (this could fall on any day).

Science - Animals including humans

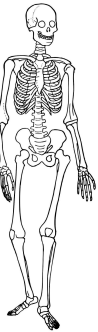
We will begin by looking at the bones of the human body, we will name and locate the main bones and muscles. We will then move on to the bones in the hand and how they move. We will also sort and classify animals into groups.

Art/DT/Music:

Art - Next half term
DT - Mechanical systems

Linked to our Science topic we will design and make our own moving pneumatic animals.

Music - A music specialist will continue to come into school every Monday and work with the children on playing the 'Toot'. They are now able to play a selection of pieces.



Maths:

We will continue to build on our 'Multiplication and Division' skills. We will then move onto some length and perimeter work. Our weekly Friday homework will remain linked to our maths classwork.



Geography - Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

We will look in detail as to why some earthquakes cause more damage than others. We will study why New Zealand has been affected by earthquakes in the past. We will finally make some links between earthquakes and volcanoes.



RE- Christianity

What do Christians learn from The Creation Story and the Story of The Fall?

We will be learning from The Old Testament about the how Christians believe the earth was created, the story of Adam and Eve and the fall of man. We will be celebrating the wonders of creation through poetry and then considering what we can do to be good stewards of the earth.



French

We will learn some basic french of 'My Family' talking about relationships and reading short stories in french.



Earthquakes & Volcanoes



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PSHE

We will study a topic called 'Keeping Safe' We will discuss many safe and unsafe situations, dangers and risks.

Computing - Sequencing sounds

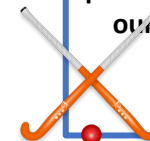
We will use a program called 'scratch' to create a sequence of events, using many different commands by putting them in the correct order.



PE:

We will spend one lesson a week on various hockey skills which will finally lead to some game play (Fridays)

Also, there will be one lesson per week where we will build on our gymnastics/dance skills (Tuesdays)



Thank you for your continued support, it has been a busy yet super start to the school year. I am incredibly proud of the effort and dedication your children have for their work.

As you can see, we have yet another busy half term ahead of us, we appreciate you working with us to ensure your child keeps up to date with their spellings, reading, times tables practice and homework, this is vitally important for their education as a whole - many thanks in advance.

Are you a interested in or have any particular expertise in our topics we are covering this half term?

We'd love to hear from you!
Year 3 Team - Mrs Pittaway and Mrs Jacobs.