



Year 3 Curriculum Overview

Spring 2

Homework for Maths is shared on Purple Mash every Friday and must be completed by **Monday**. Reading comprehension is given out on Friday and must be completed by **Monday**. Spelling Test Day is on Fridays. P.E is on Wednesday for both classes.

*Please ensure your child comes into school in their P.E uniform on these days.

English

Text: The Giving Tree

The story is about a selfless apple tree and a boy, chronicling their evolving relationship as the boy grows from childhood to old age, with the tree constantly giving parts of herself. It's a powerful metaphor which helps children to understand love & sacrifice; selfishness vs giving and the environment. Children will be comparing the story and play scripts. Create and writing new playscript scenes from improvised group drama.

Reading: In reading lessons, the children will explore the core text in detail focusing on different reading skills which include vocabulary, retrieval, inference, summarising and prediction.

Grammar and punctuation: Understanding use of punctuation: () , . ! >... Use of present and past tense Use adverbials and adverbial phrases for cohesion. Use expanded noun phrases to use conjunctions to expand ideas: and but so because as when that:

Home Learning Reminders

Every week this will include:

- Spelling practice, using a new list each week – test Friday
- Times Table practice (at least 15 minutes daily)
- Daily Reading - Please ensure your child is reading for at least 20-30 minutes daily and that their reading record is filled and brought into school to be checked daily, signed by parent/carer weekly.

There may also be other learning enrichment activities and research throughout the term and over holidays.

Mathematics

This term children will be looking at the topic's length and perimeter and fractions.

Length and Perimeter topic focuses on teaching children how to measure length in centimeters and millimeters and introduces the concept of perimeter as the total distance around a closed 2D shape, where they learn to calculate the perimeter by adding up the lengths of all sides of a rectilinear shape (like rectangles and squares), usually by measuring directly with a ruler.

The fractions topic focuses on understanding basic fraction concepts like unit and non-unit fractions, representing them on number lines, identifying equivalent fractions, and heavily utilising concrete and pictorial representations to solidify understanding, with the main emphasis on the denominator as the number of equal parts a whole is divided into.

Science

In the previous term, children learnt about rocks and soil. This term they will be exploring light. They explore natural light and artificial light sources and not light sources. Children then apply this knowledge to explain how we see and how shadows are formed.

Key vocabulary

light sources, natural light sources, artificial light sources, Sun, sunglasses, protect, reflection, shadow

Other subjects

P.E. - Dodgeball; Handball.

R.E - Can anywhere be sacred?

PSHE- Healthy Me

Computing -

Music - Ensemble playing and explore the orchestra

DT – Photo frames

Spanish- Hablo en la clase

Classroom vocabulary/Body parts/ colours/ use known vocab in short sentences

History

The Bronze Age and the Iron Age

In this unit, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they may have studied in the autumn term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.

Vocabulary

Impressive, smelting, bronze, hoard, ore, mould, period, status, beaker, archer, evidence, interpretations, radiocarbon dating, DNA testing, beliefs, afterlife, torc, inference, marine archaeology, persuasive argument, technology, tribe, viewpoint, wattle and daub, roundhouses, crannog, broch, ingot, hill fort.