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Maths

We will be focusing on number which includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Practical resources will be used to ensure children have a strong understanding of place value to aid problem solving and lead to a stronger mental maths ability. Children will be following a fluency maths scheme to support them in learning and understanding their times tables with pace. In year 3, we will be focusing on:

- Doubles
- 2 times tables
- 5 times tables
- Consolidation



Science

We will be learning about rocks and soils. Children will be learning about different rock types and how these are formed over long periods of time. We will also be learning about how soil is formed and what materials can be found in it. We will then move on to Light - during this unit we will be identifying man-made and natural light sources. Children will explore reflective objects, investigate the properties of transparent, translucent and opaque materials, and examine how shadows of various shapes are formed.



English

We will be reading 'Owen and the Solider' by Lisa Thompson. We will use the text to write a diary, a persuasive letter and a non-chronological report about soldiers. In Autumn 2, we will be reading 'Aesop's Fables' retold by Elli Woollard; children will write their own fables with a moral to the story. We will be learning new language skills such as fronted adverbials, descriptive language, subordinating conjunctions and rhetorical questions.





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PE

During Autumn 1, children will spend one lesson per week focusing on Health-Related Fitness, and one lesson per week will focus on OAA/Team Building skills.

Autumn 2, the unit of work children will be completing will be Fundamentals and Gymnastics.

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays.



RE

During Autumn 1, children will be learning about Hinduism and will be practising and performing their Diwali assembly. In Autumn 2, children will take a deeper look into Islam and the 5 pillars of Islam.



PSHE & RSE

During the Autumn term, children will complete the following unit:

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating differences



PSHE will be taught using the Jigsaw scheme of work, which is in line with government guidelines.



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History

In History, we will be looking at the events of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Primary and secondary sources will be used to consider what people living in Pompeii experienced.



Geography

In Geography, we will be using our geographical skills to locate where volcanoes are on a map. We will explore 'the ring of fire' and the significance of tectonic plates.

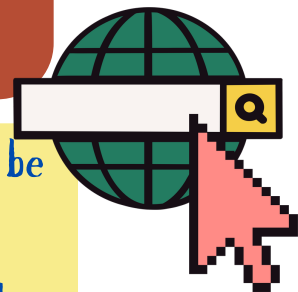


Computing

During the Autumn term, children be focusing on the following units:

- Computer systems and networks
- Programming (Scratch)

At the start of each half term, children will complete online safety education and the SMART message.





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Art

In Art, children will be exploring work by Andy Warhol and investigating different brush strokes and tones of colours. This will lead to children creating a pop art style portrait of a celebrity.



Music

During the Autumn Term, children will be working with Mr Hawkins on the following units of work:

- Layered sounds and repetition
- Preparation for the Christmas Concert



Design & Technology

In DT, children will be learning different ways to join materials, comparing different types of coin holders and looking at finishing techniques. Children will complete research and a design brief to create their own coin holders.





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Additional Information



What can you do at home to help?

Homework - Please help your child complete their weekly Writing task or Maths.co.uk activity.

Practise weekly spellings, Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words and handwriting (focusing on correct formation and size).

Ensure your child is reading at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading records. To help them further, you could ask them questions about what they are reading.

Stunning Start - Scavenger hunt looking for different types of rocks and soils found on the school grounds.

Fantastic Finish - Creating volcano eruptions.

