

Summer term 2023 in Class 3

This is the road map for the upcoming term in Class 3, with an overview of what we will cover in each topic. Please see the back of this sheet for general class information.

Geography/History:

Stone Age to the Iron Age

Looking at Britain's prehistoric periods will allow us to make comparisons with our learning on the Ancient Greeks from last term. We will begin by exploring the lives of early hunter-gatherers and examining what is known about, and what we can learn from, the sites of Skara Brae and Stonehenge. We will then look at how the discovery of metals and alloys started to change lives, and what life was like as part of a Celtic tribe.

Maths

We will be busy mathematicians this term, finishing up our fractions learning and moving onto angles, area, perimeter, position and direction. We will do some quick multiplicative recall refreshers to prepare the Year 4s for their Multiplication Tables Check, then introduce the concept of decimals, linking this to our previous learning on fractions. We will also cover mass and capacity, shape and time in the final half term.

Computing

To begin with, we will be practising how to search the internet effectively and discerning whether information is 'fact' or 'fake'. The children are looking forward to taking a computer apart and investigating the insides! They will also be introduced to some basic coding and animation skills.

PHSE: Health and Wellbeing; Living in the Wider World

Health and Wellbeing links well with our Science topic, as it covers what makes a healthy lifestyle, including the benefits of exercise and sleep. The children will consider how to make informed choices. Living in the Wider World will cover how our choices can make a difference to others and the environment.

PE

This term will cover striking and fielding team games, preparation for Sports Day, and 10 weeks of swimming lessons.

English

We will be enjoying the tale of Ulf, *The Finger-Eater* by Dick King Smith for the first part of this term. The children will have opportunities to dramatise the action in the story and become familiar with the language and plot, before being tasked with writing their own alternative chapter.

We will also cover another classic: Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man*, and consider how language shapes the character and setting of this story. There will be non-fiction writing in the form of instructional and explanation texts linked to our Stone Age topic, while spelling and grammar will continue to be taught both within writing lessons and as discrete focus sessions.

Science: Animals including Humans

This half term will focus on nutrition and the function of joints, skeletons and muscles in the human body. Next half term we will cover the digestive system in humans, different types of teeth, plus construct and interpret a variety of food chains.

RE: Creation/Sikhism

We will be considering what Christians can learn from the Creation story. This will include thinking about our responsibilities for living together as a community. Sikhism will be our other world faith focus, where we will explore the beginnings of the faith and some important figures.

Art & Design / D & T

We have already revisited colour theory and extended this to making tertiary colours. With a colour of their choice, the children also made different shades, tints and tones and considered how these could be used to change the atmosphere of a picture. In D & T, we will mimic some processes used in the Stone and Iron Ages.

Spanish

As well as regular revision of previously taught grammar and vocabulary, we are going to make links to our Science topic by learning some key phrases for food and parts of the body. We will also look at pets and animals, plus some Spanish festivals.

Music

Using Djembe drums, the children will be asked to identify and repeat patterns in a variety of music. They will also analyse and comment on how sounds are used to create different moods.

Reading

Phonics

Spelling

Collective Worship

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Class 3 notes:

Welcome back to our final term - we are finding it hard to believe how quickly the time is going...

Homework:

Homework will continue to be a series of tasks linked to our learning. Please complete one task each week in any order that suits you/your schedule. The homework books will be handed out on a Friday and completed work should be handed back by the following Thursday in order to be marked and returned.

Times Tables:

The Multiplication Tables Check is coming up this term for Year 4, so please take this final opportunity to regularly rehearse all the facts with your child. We have access to the DFE's practice area in school, so the children will be introduced to what the check is going to look like on the day.

There are several websites that mimic the look of the MTC, for example: www.urbrainy.com/mtc. Soundcheck on TTRockstars also follows this format.

P.E.:

P.E. this half term is still **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. However, the children need to wear school uniform on Wednesdays and remember to bring their swimming gear! The children can still come into school on Mondays wearing their P.E. kit.

As always, please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns, or leave a message with the office. Thank you for all your continued support and we look forward to a successful term ahead!

With best wishes,

Miss Wheeler and Miss Hennessey