

# Spring term 2024 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: Mountains / Our Victorian School

Our first topic is all about Mountains – how they are formed, where they are (using latitude and longitudinal map readings!), what climates you should expect and the equipment you would need if you were to scale one...! After half term, we will look at what life was like for children in the Victorian period – which includes the first group of children to ever be taught at Little Gaddesden School – and compare it to our modern day experiences.

## Maths

We have started this half term by recapping our learning on regrouping to subtract using the column method. We will then move onto focusing on multiplication and division. This will involve quick recall of facts and recognising connections across the tables. Year 3 will work on consolidating their 2, 5 and 10x tables and securing the 3, 4 and 8x tables. Year 4 will be covering all multiplication and division facts up to, and including, 12 x 12. We will also be linking this knowledge to calculating with perimeter, area and fractions.

## Computing

The children will consider the strengths and weaknesses of digital communication methods, and will practice sending and receiving e-mails within Purple Mash. We will also be using a branching database during classification work in science, and a graphing software to produce data.

## PHSE: Online safety / Health and wellbeing

The children will learn about the importance of strong passwords and creating secure accounts for any activities they complete online. We will also look at appropriate age ratings, online tools that can be used to communicate with a wider audience (and the appropriate way to do this) and also scrutinise whether we can believe everything we read online! We will also talk about treating others with respect and how to manage risk in different places.

## P.E.

Our Monday lessons have a slightly different look this term: the girls are currently doing tag rugby and the boys are doing OAA. They will swap activities at half term. On a Wednesday, everyone is doing agility work with Coach Lee.

## English

We have started this term exploring and writing our own *tanka* poems. This is a Japanese form of poetry that follows a very specific syllabic structure. We will then be using our upcoming Shakespeare workshop as a starting point for creating our own playscripts. After half term, we will focus on writing interesting and informative non-chronological reports and also develop our persuasive writing techniques.

## Science: Sound / Forces & Magnets

We will be conducting investigations into vibrations, volume and pitch, and also researching animal adaptations to hearing. Forces and magnets will involve investigating how things move. We will also experiment with magnetic strength and forces.

## RE: Hinduism / Christianity

We will be studying Hindu styles of worship and the Hindu belief in one supreme God who can be represented by many different gods and goddesses. We will then compare this to what we know about Christian beliefs and representations of God, particularly how these beliefs are expressed in art.

## Art & Design/D&T

Our artwork will be linked to our play script writing in English, as the children will learn how to put together effective storyboards. D&T will be food-based, linked to our history and Spanish learning.

## Spanish

We are revising the phrases we know to give information about ourselves, such as responding to questions about name, age and birthdays. We will also be learning how to use colours as adjectives, and the rules for talking about food and drinks in singular and plural forms.

## Music

The children will get to explore graphic notation in composing tasks and create music that expresses contrasting moods and emotions.

Reading

Phonics

Spelling

Collective Worship

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## Class 3 notes:

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** for all the kind words and gifts we received at the end of term. It means a lot to us, and we are always humbled by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

### Shakespeare workshop:

We are very lucky to have the wonderful Fiona from the Young Shakespeare Company coming to our school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** to introduce our new writing topic on a Shakespeare play, which will remain a surprise until the day! A letter will be sent via the school office.

### P.E.:

P.E. this half is still **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.

There have been many reports and surveys produced recently around children's physical activity and their engagement in P.E. lessons in school. One finding that stood out was that both boys and girls stated that they would rather be taught P.E. with their separate genders. For this term, we will be trialling whether this makes a difference to the children's enjoyment and confidence within P.E. lessons by combining the whole of KS2 (classes 3 and 4) and splitting into boys and girls groups. This will also give our older children an opportunity to take on more leadership roles within the lessons.

This half term, the boys will be with Miss Wheeler for a unit on OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) and the girls will work with an external coach and Mrs Craft on Tag Rugby. After half term, the groups will swap over.

Due to the numbers, both groups will be outside on a Monday for the whole term - whatever the weather! If it continues to be as cold as it has been this week, we recommend bringing in extra layers. Tag rugby will be on the field, so it might also be worth bringing a spare pair of shoes and/or socks in case it is particularly wet or muddy.

### Homework:

Homework continues to be weekly 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.

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