

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This term we will learning about: Local

- Church - Community: Journeys.
- Eucharist - Listening and Sharing
- Lent/Easter - Giving All

The experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life Children learn about the liturgical calendar and celebrations, such as First Holy Communion and Easter, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities.

Parent Top Tip: Read Bible stories together as a family. Celebrate and say bedtime prayers together.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about:

- Magnets. How do magnets work and what attracts a magnet?
- Rocks and Soils: exploring the physical properties of rocks and soils; looking at how fossils were made
- Light and Shadow: investigating how light creates a shadow and exploring the link between light and darkness

Parent Top Tip: Look at how the length of a shadow changes during the course of one day; find out what materials let light through and which don't; find different stones and pebbles in the park or back garden and look at their appearance.



PSHE

This term will focus on:

- Respecting Rights (Healthy relationships with family and friends)
- 20th - 24th January : 'Choose Respect' Week: anti-bullying
- Religious Understanding (sin and forgiveness)

Parent Top Tip: Discuss friendships with children, talking through any joys, demands and conflicts together. Talk about the feelings that arise in particular situations and how to manage those feelings.

PE

This term will focus on:

- Basketball: refine skills required to play the team ball game of basketball
- Outdoor and Adventurous Activities: using map skills to complete simple orienteering skills around the school/playground/field/hall

Parent Top Tip: Draw a map/floor plan together with your child of the downstairs of your house and write directions to get from one room to another using compass points NSEW.

ENGLISH

In reading the focus will be on developing stamina and fluency:

- regular guided reading sessions
- Boom reader: looking at children's book reviews and reading regularity (daily during the week)
- sharing a novel in the form of our class reader



Writing will focus on developing complex sentences using:

- a wider range of conjunctions and organizing information into paragraphs.
- their editing skills.
- secure and develop their knowledge of spelling and punctuation.
- writing to persuade creating a fable and newspaper report

Parent Top Tip: Practise the Year 3/4 spelling words with your child. Encourage your child to write stories and make corrections to punctuation, spelling and grammar together. Discuss some of the books that are we are sharing in school: 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, 'War and Peas' by Michael Foreman, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka, 'Stella and the Seagulls' by Georgina Stevens.

YEAR 3 - Spring 2025 Miss Pan and Mrs Litchfield

MUSIC

We will be learning about:

Djembe drums (beat and rhythm).

Parent Top Tip: Sing and learn some songs from a range of musical traditions. Tap/clap rhythms and ask children to repeat them.



COMPUTING

This term will focus on:

- Computing systems and networks:
We will introduce the concept of networks and learning how devices communicate.

The children will identify components and learn how information is shared.

Parent Top Tip: Talk about different computing networks and draw or use software to create diagrams showing how the different elements are connected.

Look at a computer/laptop at home and find out how your own personal network works in your house: where the hub is situated, how strong the internet signal is around the house in different rooms, where the wireless devices are.

MATHEMATICS



We will be learning about:

- Number: Multiplication and Division
- Number: Fractions
- Measure: Length and Perimeter

Parent Top Tip: Regular times tables practice through singing, chanting and daily **TT Rockstars** can really help the children to remember them.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY



We will be learning about:

- Who lives in Antarctica? Looking at the climate in Antarctica and finding out about Ernest Shackleton and his exploration there.
- What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?

Parent Top Tip: Do some research at home about the climate of Antarctica and find out more about expeditions there.

You could find out some information about some Egyptian gods and goddesses.

ART & DT

This term will focus on:

- Producing 'prehistoric artwork' using pencil, charcoal and paint using natural paint.
- Mechanisms and Systems; designing digital wearable technology.

Parent Top Tip: You could research prehistoric cave paintings and discuss the shapes and colours that were used.

FRENCH

This term will focus on:

- Learning the names of shapes and colours. They will learn to follow to a series of instructions in French to create a collage in the style of Matisse.

Parent Top Tip: Celebrate the language your child is learning by asking them to share the new vocabulary with you.

