



# Year 3 Curriculum News

## Spring 2024

### English

In English we will be covering the following topics:

- Non- Fiction: Writing a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt.
- Narrative: Aesop's Fables – reading the 'The Lion and the Mouse' and writing their own fable.
- Poetry: Poetry based on a theme, including Valerie Bloom's collection, 'Hot Like Fire'.

Teaching of spelling and grammar will be integrated throughout each topic.

Whole class reading takes place daily and will cover a range of texts, including 'The Troll' by Julia Donaldson, 'Esio Trot' and 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl, and 'Pattan's Pumpkin' (a traditional tale).

### PE

In PE we will be covering the following units of work:

- Gymnastics and dance
- Net games

Your child should come to school in PE kit on **Fridays**. The P.E. kit should consist of a blue or white t-shirt, black leggings/tracksuit bottoms/shorts and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. As the weather changes, PE lessons will be outside as much as possible, so please also include a sweatshirt.

### Spanish

In our Spanish lessons this term, we will be learning:

- How are you?
- Talking about dates and numbers

### Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be exploring Hinduism and Judaism. The children will be exploring the units, 'Living with Hindu Traditions' and 'The Hebrew Bible - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob'.

### Music

In Music, we will be focusing on:

- Three Little Birds
- Composing using your imagination

### Upcoming Class Trips

- 3 Willow: Hindu Temple, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 3 Acacia: Hindu Temple, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Maths

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

- Addition and Subtraction – formal written methods and problem solving.
- Multiplication and Division.
- Measurement - Length and perimeter.
- Fractions.

In each topic, there will be a focus on mental maths, mathematical reasoning, problem solving and applying methods in a variety of different contexts.

Pupils will practice their mental arithmetic skills in daily starter activities and a weekly test.

### Other Subjects

Our History topics this term are 'and 'Cradles of Civilisation' and 'The Indus Valley. Children will explore the culture of these ancient civilisations and compare similarities and differences between them.

Our Geography topics this term are 'Mountains' and 'Settlements'. Children will explore the relationship between physical processes and people and will explore different types of settlements.

Our Science topics are: 'Rocks', 'Light' and 'Animals including Humans'. As part of each topic, children will develop their scientific skills by conducting different types of investigations.

Our Art/ D.T. topics are: 'Prehistoric Art – Painting and Sketching' and 'Constructing a Castle'.

### Homework

Reading:

- Your child should be reading every day.
- Your child can read books online at home and at school using MYON. They can also take A.R. quizzes at home too.
- Your child will bring a library book home every week (usually on a Wednesday or Thursday). They need to return the book by the following week if they would like to change it.

Spellings:

- Children should use Spelling Frame for daily practice of the spelling list and rules. New spellings are set every Friday and are tested the following Friday.

Maths:

- Please support your children to learn their times tables. They can practise their times tables online on Times Table Rockstars.
- Mathletics homework is set every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday.