

English and Reading

Our book for this half term will be 'Oliver And the Seawigs', which a fantastic book by Philip Reeves and Sarah McIntyre. We will be using this text as the basis for our work on: Diary entries, informal and formal letters; character descriptions; instructional texts; and our own short stories.

When reading, the children will have the opportunity to make predictions, read and retrieve information, as well as using evidence from the text to justify their answers and take on character roles.

Maths

To start our Year 3 learning, we will be looking at place value. We will build on the children's prior knowledge and look at comparing numbers, identifying place value and ordering values to 1000. We will also be building on our work on place value to develop the children's addition and subtraction skills.

We will also be carrying our maths investigations every two weeks, where the children will get to use their maths skills to solve problems and experiment with ways to use their learning.

Art & Design

This term we will be looking at a range of colour mixing techniques and blending skills, with the aim being for pupils to consistently produce watercolour washes and use blended colours to add depth to their work. We will also be looking at a range of illustration styles, with a focus on the illustrator of our class text, Sarah McIntyre. Pupils will have the opportunity to produce their own illustrations to accompany segments off our class text and their own work. Finally, we will also be using clay to produce models of characters from our class text, as well as using junk modelling techniques to decorate them and give them 'seawigs'.

History – Great Explorers

In our history this half term we will be looking at the lives and achievements of many great explorers throughout history, including Ibn Battuta, Robert Falcon Scott, Neil Armstrong and Ann Bancroft.

Our focus will be on their achievements and discoveries, and what impact these have on our lives today. We will use a range of sources to find out information these incredible people. The children will have the opportunity to further their investigative skills as they will also have optional homework to find out more information on some of these explorers.

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Science – Rocks, Soil and Fossils

In science we will be looking at rocks, soil and fossils. Pupils will learn about different types of rocks, how they are formed and will be conducting several investigations to determine their individual properties.

We will also be investigating how soil is formed and what goes into its making. Finally, we will be learning about fossils and will make our own imprint fossils.

Computing

This half term the children will be developing their presentation skills. They will be using a range of software to create a presentation, linked to our history topic.

Pupils will source information from the internet, create a PowerPoint to showcase this information, record themselves in front of a greenscreen, and present their work to the class.

French

This half term we will be beginning French by learning to say and recognise simple greetings. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to use these newly learnt phrases in conversations.

Religious Education (R.E)

This unit enables to children to reflect on other religions and how these live alongside Christianity. This will involve looking at stories from different religions and discussing their meaning.

Physical Education (P.E)

This term we will be focusing on gymnastics. They will learn a range of new techniques and develop their pre-existing ones. Children will learn to work in small groups and use team work to create routines and transfer their skills to one another.