



MATHS

The children will continue to develop their Maths Mastery to increase number fluency. We will have a particular focus on written methods for multiplication and division, specifically multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. The children will also focus on length, perimeter, money and statistics. We will read and compare measurements. The last few weeks of the term will be spent consolidating fraction learning from Year 2 so that the children are ready for the Year 3 fraction targets in the Summer term. We will continue to develop fluency recalling the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

ENGLISH

Our first text this term is the exciting Ice Palace by Robert Swindells, which is set in Russia. We will then move on to Escape from Pompeii. The children will practise their sentence work, developing sentences which begin with adverbial phrases and subordinate clauses. They will write for a range of purposes using different text types. There will be opportunities for art, drama, discussion and debate to stimulate writing. Children will be encouraged to read from a range of genres when choosing their own reading books and will read daily during Guided Reading.



SCIENCE

The children will learn that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. They will plan a soil experiment and record their findings using scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables. After half term, the children will learn everything they need to know about light, recognising that they need light to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will investigate shadows and how they are formed and identify the cause in the changes in the size of them.



COMPUTING

The children will continue to work on basic functions such as logging on and off a computer. There will be a focus on using the correct fingers for each key on the keyboard – the beginnings of touch-typing. They will type, save, retrieve, edit and improve their work. Children will also learn about how to send emails and add attachments.

YR 3 SPRING

From Russia to Rome



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

We will compare what we know about the UK with Eastern Europe, learning about the physical features of Russia as the largest country in the world. This will include its mountains, rivers, coastlines and biomes. After half-term, we will find out about the Roman invasion of Britain. We will consider how life changed for the Celts, Boudicca's rebellion, the eventual spread of Christianity and the legacy of the Romans.



ITALIAN

Ciao

This term the children will cover units called Instruments and I Am Able To... Children will learn key words and phrases

MUSIC

The children will continue to have music lessons with our specialist music teacher Mrs Shanahan. She will focus on teaching the children songs linked to their topic and skills necessary for percussion instruments.

PE

Year 3 will be participating in both Indoor and Outdoor PE lessons this term. During Indoor PE lessons, the children will be learning about the importance of gymnastics and dodgeball. For Outdoor PE, our focus will be on developing batting and fielding skills in mini games of cricket with our specialist coach.



RE & RSE

We will focus on the theme of listening and sharing this term. The children will explore the importance of sharing worship during Mass and the value of the parish community. We will look at the order of Mass and the significance of each part of the service. In RSE, we will encourage the children to recognise their worth as individuals by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements, setting personal goals. We will discuss the importance of staying safe and physical boundaries.



ART & DT

We will explore the work of Wassily Kandinsky and make a foray into the world of abstract art. The children will develop ideas in their sketchbooks and continue learning how to use their new watercolour palettes. We will also investigate shading light and dark tones with cross-hatching and pencil techniques. The children will learn about Roman Mosaics and make their own ones!

