

Year 3/4 Summer Term Overview

Topic

Our exciting topics this term include Our World with, 'Water, Water Everywhere!' (Summer 1) during which the children will be learning about the water cycle! Then, linking to the living things and their habitats, in Summer 2, we will learn about living things and the animal classification system and hope to visit Blashford Lakes- further details about the trip will be provided when dates are confirmed.



English

In Year 3 we will be exploring different authors both in terms of reading, completing book reviews and setting up and running a book fair. We will also be writing our own fantasy stories. In the second half-term we will make use of the warmer weather by exploring mini-beasts in our non-fiction texts.

In Year 4, we will be using Literacy Shed animation clips that tell stories about different cultures. We will be describing characters and settings, using more complex sentence structures. We will also be retelling stories from different viewpoints! In addition, we will be writing non-chronological reports, using Neil Gaiman's book entitled 'The Wolves in the Walls'

Alongside this, Year 3/4 will enjoy writing and presenting a range of poetry. In addition, our spelling programme will continue this term and we will work on grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting in every piece of written work, using cross-curricular writing links wherever appropriate.

Maths

In Year 3 we will be investigating 3-D shape, angles and compass directions. We will continue our number learning in addition, subtraction and multiplication as well as developing our skills with division. This will be reinforced when revisiting fractions and decimals. Alongside this we will be collecting data linked to our science topic and using it in graphs. Time will also be revisited.

In Year 4 we will work on geometric shapes, based on their properties and sizes, identifying acute, obtuse and right angles. We will also compare and order angles before revisiting problem solving activities involving fractions, decimals, time and measures. In addition, we will continue to work on a mastery approach with reasoning, consolidating arithmetic skills in number, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and applying calculations to problem solving.

Science/DT/Food Technology

Our topics this term are States of Matter and Living Things. We will be carrying out exciting investigations involving liquids, gases and solids as well as designing and making our own healthy chocolate bars, recipes and wrappers. We will

then move on to the classification of minibeasts incorporating trips to our Forest School site.

ICT

We will continue to link our English learning with ICT, developing our word processing skills. In addition, linked to Maths and Science, we will be inputting data on temperature, as we investigate solids, liquids and gases, analysing our findings using tables and bar charts.

On the 4th May 2017, we will also be exploring virtual realities, with thanks to Mr McGinty!

Geography

For our Geography topic this term, children will be learning about map points and the seven magnificent continents of the world! They will also be finding out about the different climate zones on a world map and linked to Science, they will be learning about the water cycle.

French

Continuing with our 'Language Angel's programme, Year 3/4 will be studying vocabulary linked to our Science topic- 'Les Animaux'.

Jigsaw

As we start the new term, our Jigsaw programme this term will focus on 'Relationships' (Summer 1), thinking about empathy and how we can manage our feelings; and 'Changing Me' (including sex education) (Summer 2).

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PE/Games

Our indoor PE continues to be on Wednesdays and our outdoor games is on Tuesdays for Year 3 and Thursdays for Year 4. Please can you ensure that your child has his/ her PE kit in school on appropriate days (including shorts and t-shirt for warmer weather and a hair band).

In outdoor PE we will be taking part in athletic activities in preparation for Sports Day! We will also be learning and playing cricket and rounders, using our talented cricketers in class to demonstrate key skills! In Indoor PE, we will continue to develop core balance and stability through gymnastic and dance routines.

Music

In these sessions, we will develop our understanding of beat and rhythm. We will also compose and perform our own music to others!

RE

We will be studying Hinduism by focussing on Brahman and the other Gods, as well as considering how sacred texts have to be true to help people understand their religion. We will also consider if the River Ganges is special to a non-Hindu.

Art

We will be furthering our knowledge of the colour wheel whilst exploring harmonic colours and creating shades, using the works of famous artists to support our learning.

Key Dates

Year 3/4 trip: Dates to follow for each class, when confirmed

Virtual Reality - 4th May 2017

Half Term 29th May 2017 – 2nd June 2017

Sports Day: 15th June 2017

All Years Exit Point: 14th July 2017

Thank you for your continued support.

From the Year 3/4 team:

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