

Spring Term 2017 Curriculum Overview – Year 3

English

This term, the children will read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White and discuss themes in the book such as friendship and loss. They will revise the basic parts of speech, adding adverbs and using them in practice sentences. They will learn about prefixes and antonyms, learn a poem by heart, work through a number of reading comprehensions and present a book report. In keeping with last term, Year 3 will have weekly spelling tests of approximately 35 words that have been grouped by pattern.

Science

This term we will play with light, observing shadows, colours, reflections among many other phenomena. Then, we will start exploring fauna: animals, skeletons, muscles and diet.

History of Art

This term we will continue to look at classical art and sculpture during the Ancient Roman period, followed by Gothic medieval art and architecture.

Mathematics

In numeracy, Year 3 will enhance their mental arithmetic skills in adding and subtracting numbers up to 10,000. They will also improve their understanding of division and multiplication according to different contexts. The class will learn about money, including role-play with both Euros and Pounds.

In geometry, the children will be able to measure lengths as well as identifying and giving properties of regular polygons and quadrilaterals. They will use their knowledge to create and manipulate their own 2D and 3D shapes.

Humanities

In history, we will discover Mesopotamia, the invention of writing and the Bronze Age. In geography, we will learn how to read and draw a plan as well as orienteering in space. We will also explore the diversity of various landscapes, locate and name countries on the world map.

Music

This term pupils will enjoy John Williams' film music and discover some famous ballets and dancers. They will also have an introduction to different political systems which will be linked to national anthems and World Music.

History

French

The children will widen their vocabulary and learn how to talk about feelings, family, the weather and how to give advice. They will discover new French songs and act in various role plays. The children will greatly strengthen their writing skills learning how to conjugate regular and basic irregular verbs in the present tense.

CNED

The pupils will develop their writing skills by making summaries and writing short narratives. In grammar, they are going to study agreements of subjects and verbs.

Art

The pupils will experiment cave painting in a dark environment in the classroom. Using torches and paint they will try to understand the motivations of those early artists and their vision of the world. They will also learn about megalithic monuments in Britain and will build a small representation of the Stonehenge. Following the prehistoric trends, the pupils will learn how artists made sand moulds to create their metallic utensils.

French

Children will focus on communication using the body and the voice, through mime and speech. They will develop their French language skills through short plays, songs and drama games. They will also deepen their concentration and improve their listening skills by miming a variety of scenes.

Drama

Music

The focus will be in establishing foundation of Sol-fa singing using Kodály exercises. The children will further develop notation reading and writing skills in treble clef. Further to music theory the children will develop their inner hearing through singing, clapping and listening exercises. They will also discover string and brass orchestra instruments - aural recognition and general facts.

Sport

Year 3 will be playing football, netball and unihoc, learning and practising new skills and developing team work. They will also be concentrating on the fundamentals of sports, developing the transferable skills of agility, balance and co-ordination.

Ballet

This term we will work on our RAD syllabus preparing for an assessment at the end of term. We will improve our technique and our memory recall; concentrating on producing stronger classical lines with a controlled core. We will also be getting ready for our showcase at the end of term.

