

English/Reading Mastery

In English we will begin by finishing our independent write for 'The Blue Balloon'. We will then move onto our next non-fiction unit 'Big Cats'. This will explore the non-chronological report format with a focus on cheetahs. The children will then choose their own animal to report on for their independent piece.

For our reading mastery we will be studying Neil Gaiman's award winning book 'Coraline'. This dark fantasy novel offers a contrast to our last Planet Omar book and has been immensely popular with previous year 3 children.

Maths

In maths, we will be finishing off our work on fractions before moving onto the unit of time. This will involve recapping telling the time in quarter hour increments before moving onto 5 minute and 1 minute intervals. We will also look at the 24 hour clock as well as a.m. and p.m.

Towards the end of the term we will begin work on geometry, initially with a focus on angles.

Geography

Following on from our exploration of Europe and Russia, we will be focusing on the country of Italy for the remainder of the year. This half term is going to focus on the physical geography of volcanoes, paying close attention to the three main active volcanoes – Etna, Stromboli and Vesuvius.

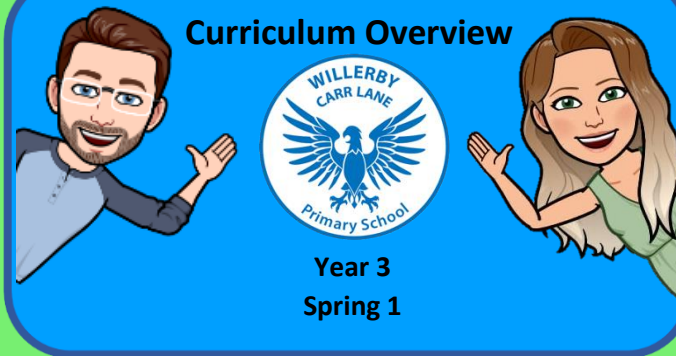
This will involve an exciting practical project of building our very own working volcanoes!

PE

Mr Scott will be focusing on athletics in his P.E. sessions this term in the run up to summer and this year's Sport's Day. This will include running, sprinting, throwing, relay and the standing long jump.

In our other P.E. session, we will be starting work on basketball. We will develop our passing, dribbling and shooting skills so that by the end of the term we will be able to play tournaments within our classes and year group.

Curriculum Overview



Music/Computing

In music we will be continuing to develop our skills on the recorder and our voices. We will be learning more about musical styles whilst experimenting with pitched and un-pitched percussive instruments. We will be exploring graphic and western notation and how these can be used in composition.

In computing we will be refreshing our knowledge of online safety, paying particular attention to creating secure passwords, recognizing accurate information on the internet and identifying the physical and emotional effects of watching/playing inappropriate content/games. We will then move onto using spreadsheets.

RE/PSHE

In RE this term we will be looking at 'Encounters'. This will focus on exploring sacred places in Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

In PSHE, our focus is on 'Relationships'. This will cover the relationships we have in our families and the responsibilities of each person in our family. It will also look at how maintain and develop friendships before moving onto our role as a global citizen.

French

In French we are going to explore definite (le, la, les) and indefinite articles (un, une) as well as a variety of key French phrases we can use to extend our sentences such as 'mais', 'c'est' and 'aussi'.

Art

Our artist of focus this term is Maurice Sendak, the author and illustrator of the widely popular 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We will explore how we can use pens and inks to create different thicknesses and effects, as well as develop our use of the 'backwards/forwards' sketching technique.

DT

In DT this term, we are focusing on healthy cold drinks. We will identify what it is that makes a drink 'healthy' and how we can use this knowledge when creating our own drink. We will be exploring existing smoothies to help identify which flavours we want to include and which ingredients work best together. Once we have chosen our ingredients, we will create our drinks ready to bottle and take home.