

English/Reading Mastery

We will introduce the pupils to our first topic of the year, The Stone Age, by reading 'The Stone Age Boy.' We will then begin reading our class Reading Mastery book, 'A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning.'

Our focus in writing for this term will first be a short recount of our summer holidays before launching into writing our own version of 'The Stone Age Boy'. We will then move onto exploring the Stone Age settlement Skara Brae and writing a persuasive leaflet encouraging tourists to explore this historic site. All the while we will be recapping the grammar we have learnt from year 2, as well as some new features pupils will not have encountered before.

Maths

We will begin the term by learning about the place value of 3-digit numbers. The children will be exposed to many conceptual variations to ensure they have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of number, place value and quantity. Children will be introduced to the column method for addition and subtraction of 2-digit and 1-digit numbers to begin with. Throughout the term we will develop this by using 3-digit numbers and crossing over 100.

Science

In science, we will be learning all about plants. This will include finding out how varying conditions can affect the growth of plants and how they need water, a sustainable temperature, nutrients from soil and light to grow healthy. We will also learn about how plants reproduce and about the different parts of a flowering plant. Our investigations will include exploring seed formation by planting crocus seeds and finding out how water is transported within plants.

PE

In PE, our topics will be athletics and netball. In athletics, we will be learning about the different exercises we can perform to improve our strength, flexibility and cardiovascular systems. We will begin with an initial assessment of our fitness which we will then repeat at the end of the half-term to see our improvements.

In netball, we will be learning how to pass and receive the ball, how to create space to keep possession, the differences between attacks and defenses and the different shooting techniques.

Curriculum Overview



Year 3
Autumn 1

Music

In music this term we will be focusing on the theme of 'Let your spirit fly'. The children will be exploring notation through the use of rhythm grids and classical notation. They will begin to learn the Recorder, performing simple melodies and scales.

RE/PSHCE

In RE, our topic will be 'Remembering,' which will include sharing our own memories and exploring various festivals, including Harvest Festival and The Jewish Festival of Sukkot. We will also explore the symbols and beliefs of different religions.

In PSHE, our topic will be 'Being Me,' which will include learning about how our actions affect others, the importance of self-worth and setting personal goals.

French

The children will be introduced to the spoken language, French, and will explore which countries around the world speak French. They will begin by learning how to greet others in French, how to introduce themselves and understanding classroom instructions.

Art

In art, we will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe who was best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers. Using water colours, we will paint flowers in a similar style.

History

In history, we will be studying The Stone Age with a focus on archaeology and how we know people lived around these times. We will be learning all about early humans and about the vital skills they needed in order to survive. This will include learning how early humans made tools and weapons out of stone, how they lived in caves or made shelters from trees, branches or animal skin, how they made clothes out of animal skin and how they hunted animals for meat using spears, bows and arrows.