

**COMPUTING:** Our Computing topic for this term is Programming and Games. They will learn that instructions need to be correctly sequenced to achieve specific objectives and be able to predict the outcome of simple given programs. Furthermore, they will investigate the different options presented within a simulation, making informed choices and testing their own predictions. We will also be reminding ourselves of internet safety throughout the term.

**HUMANITIES (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY):** During the first half term, our humanities topic will focus on pre-history. The children will learn about life in Britain during the Stone Age and Bronze Age, thinking about the different ways we can learn about the past. In the second half term we will be focusing on UK Geography, using maps and atlases to locate key counties, cities, mountains, coasts and rivers.

**THE ARTS including MUSIC:** Our Art topic for the first half term is stone age painting and ornaments. During the second half term, the children will design and make celtic roundhouses and party hats. Music lessons this term will focus on "composition and beat". The children will be creating accompaniments and sound pictures reflecting sounds in our local environment. They will also be playing musical games and singing and composing to build into a performance.

**PE, HEALTH AND WELL BEING:** Every Monday the children will have games lessons where they will learn and develop the skills of netball, tag rugby and football. Alongside this, the children will also develop their gymnastic skills during our Thursday PE lesson. The focus will be on 'jumping and landing' as well as extending previous skills of travelling and balancing using different parts of the body safely. Our PSHE circle time lessons will focus on the topic of new beginnings and learning how to solve disputes between friends.

**FRENCH:** The children will learn simple greetings and conversations.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:** Please ensure that you continue to read regularly with your child at home as this will support all areas of the curriculum. Can parent/carers initial the reading diary each time they hear their child read as often as possible. The children will have weekly spelling and times table tests so please support us by practising these

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# Learning Links

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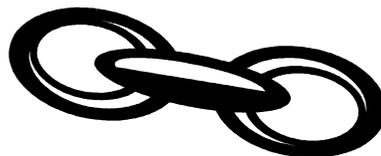
Year 3



The aim of this booklet is to give you a broad understanding of the subjects and topics the children will be learning about this term. We hope that it will help us to strengthen our learning partnership and benefit the children.

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# English



# Maths

## Reading:

The children will have numerous reading opportunities throughout the week. There will be weekly guided group reading sessions where a carousel of activities will take place. Every child will read to an adult each week, either as part of a group or individually. The children will also practise their comprehension skills through a range of question and answer activities.

## Writing:

During English lessons, the children will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of text types. Our narrative focus for the first half term will be re-telling traditional tales, historical adventure and developing poetry skills. During the second half term, the children will be writing instructions and describing familiar settings. Throughout the term, the children will be working on developing their writing style, concentrating especially on the use of imaginative vocabulary, sentence openers and accurate punctuation.

## Grammar, spelling and handwriting:

Grammar will be a key focus within English lessons throughout the year. This term the children will be expressing time and cause using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. They will also be introduced to inverted commas for punctuating direct speech. During the term, the children will continue to have weekly phonics and spelling sessions. The children will have weekly spellings to learn at home. These will be set on Monday and tested the following Monday. Homework will be set on a Thursday to be handed in by Tuesday. Handwriting and presentation will also remain an important focus throughout the term.

In Maths lessons this term the children will be reading, writing, comparing and ordering whole numbers to at least 1000. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps and will revise our mental and written calculation methods. The children will learn how to read and write standard metric units including their abbreviations. They will describe and visualise 3D and 2D shapes and develop their understanding of angles. Throughout the term the children will also have the opportunity to explore a range of problem solving activities. Our times table focus for the term will be the 3 times table which we will learn through games and songs.

## Science:

Our first topic focuses on the importance of nutrition for animals and humans. The children will look at the importance of eating a varied and healthy diet. We will also begin to look at our digestive system and the effects of too much sugar on our health.

Our second Science topic is based around forces and magnets. We will be looking at how forces make moving objects speed up and slow down, change direction or change shape.

## RE and WORSHIP:

Our worship theme this term is based on the Christian values of compassion, justice, peace and generosity. Our RE lessons this term will focus on the religion of Sikhism. The children will learn about belonging and welcoming ceremonies in the Sikh faith, the influence of the 5ks and the Sikh festival of Baisakhi. We will also focus on the School's celebration of Harvest. During the second half term, we will revisit the Christmas Story, focusing particularly on the importance of Christmas Angels. We will also think about the reasons we send Christmas messages to our loved ones.