

BROXBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning Links

Spring 2017

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



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 adventure and mystery stories. During the second half term, the children will be looking at characterisation. In our non-fiction unit, the children will use their knowledge of the Exodus (linked to RE) and Roman life (History) to write a non-chronological report, developing their organisational skills, focusing particularly on paragraphing. 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:

During the term, the children will continue to have weekly spelling sessions and will develop their knowledge of the formation of nouns and word families. We will also be looking at sentence structure and associated relevant grammatical terminology. Spellings will be sent home each week and tested on Mondays. Please support your children with learning their spellings at home. Handwriting and presentation will continue to remain a key focus throughout the term.



Maths

In Maths this term the children will be focusing on developing their mental and written strategies to help them answer two-digit and three-digit addition and subtraction calculations. We will be focusing on the 4 times table this term and developing our understanding of inverse calculations. The children will learn how to multiply two digit numbers and how to divide with remainders. We will begin to identify tenths as a decimal and a fraction and learn how to order, compare and round numbers with one decimal place. We will also be looking at money: adding, subtracting and developing fluency in recognising the value of coins and notes. The children will be looking at time, and not only learning to read analogue and digital time more accurately but also looking at calendars and associated vocabulary.

Science:

Light and Shadows: This unit introduces the relationship between light, an object and the formation of shadows. Children observe the apparent movement of the Sun and the changes in shadows. They will also gain an understanding of how light can be reflected.

Animals and humans - skeletons, muscles and movement: In this unit the children will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

RE and WORSHIP:

Our worship themes this term are based on the Christian values of Commitment, Friendship and Love. In RE lessons during the first half term we will be looking at the story of Exodus, identifying places of famine and responding with ways of how people can share more equally. During the second half term we will be looking at Lent and Easter, with a focus on the importance of sharing food linked to the Last Supper. We will also be considering God as Trinity.

COMPUTING: Our Computing topic for this term is 'Bringing Images to Life'. The children will learn how to manipulate digital images to create different effects, moods and ideas. They will then develop this skill further to experiment with a variety of animations before planning and creating their own. We will also be reminding ourselves of internet safety throughout the term.

FRENCH This term the children will be looking at the alphabet, and days of the week along with increasing basic conversational French.

HUMANITIES (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY): We will begin our Invaders & Settlers topic this term, focusing mainly on the historical viewpoint. We will start by learning about the Celts and their way of life, before focusing on the Romans and their invasion of Britain. The children will also learn about the Roman style of living, which they will experience for themselves during our Verulamium trip in March.

THE ARTS (including DT and MUSIC). Our art this term will be based around animals of the Savannah. We will be consolidating skills in drawing, painting and printing to recreate animals. For Design and Technology we will be creating and evaluating our own healthy smoothies. In Music the children will explore the pentatonic scale through traditional Chinese music. Children will explore different ways of notating pitch as we sing, read and compose music, developing an understanding of beat, metre and rhythm.

PE, HEALTH AND WELL BEING: Games will continue to take place on Monday afternoon with the children continuing to learn and develop the skills of football, netball, hockey and tag rugby. This term we will be swimming on Friday afternoons so please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them each week.

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. The children will have weekly spelling and times table tests so please support us by practising these with your children. Homework will continue be sent out on Thursday and will be due in on Tuesday.