

BROXBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Learning Links

Summer 2016

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:

Regular reading opportunities will be provided to the children each week. Weekly guided reading sessions will continue to take place with a real focus on the skills involved in reading comprehension. The children will also have quiet reading sessions throughout the week and we will continue reading a whole class story on a daily basis.

## Writing:

During English lessons this term, our Narrative writing will be based around Roman and Greek Myths and Legends. The children will gain a deeper understanding of how a plot develops, how characters evolve throughout a story, and how to create a sense of suspense and adventure throughout their writing.

During the latter part of the term we will be focusing on the works of Julia Donaldson as part of an author study. The children will read and respond to a number of short stories and spend time learning about the author herself. Towards the end of the unit, the children will move onto the topic of letter writing, composing letters in a variety of styles and finishing the topic by writing a letter to Julia Donaldson.

## Grammar, spelling and handwriting:

This term we will be looking at the formation of nouns using a range of prefixes and suffixes, and continuing to become familiarised with grammatical terminology. We will also be focusing on the use of speech marks and possessive apostrophes. Our spellings will be based on word families of common words. Spellings will continue to be sent home each week and tested on Mondays. Please continue to 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 lessons this term we will be continuing to further develop our knowledge of fractions and decimals, focusing particularly on equivalents. We will continue to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using an efficient column method as well as developing our use of effective mental strategies. Our 8 times tables are a focus for this term and we will also develop our use of inverse calculations before moving onto formal written methods of multiplying and dividing. We will also continue to broaden and deepen our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, looking particularly at position and rotation of shapes in a grid, perimeter and angles. We will be adding and subtracting lengths, mass, capacity and amounts of money to give change, and will develop fluency in recognising and using coins and notes.

## **SCIENCE:**

**Helping Plants Grow Well:** This term we will be looking at the functions of different parts of plants and how the different parts are used for transporting water and for life and growth. We will also be looking at the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination and seed formation and dispersal.

**Rocks:** We will be comparing and grouping different types of rocks and looking at rock formations. We will also be looking at how fossils are formed and investigating what soil is made of.

**RE and WORSHIP:** This term we will be continuing to learn about and compare the Christian and Sikh faiths, looking at special places, sacred texts and the presence of God in the world around us. Later on in the term we will be thinking about and discussing the question 'Does a beautiful world mean there is a wonderful God?'

Our worship themes this term are based on the Christian values of hope, courage and thankfulness.

**COMPUTING:** In Computing lessons, the children will develop their understanding of how to use databases, carrying out simple searches and producing graphs. They will also become aware of how technology can be used to show changes in environmental conditions through use of digital devices such as thermometers, data-loggers and microscopes. We will also continue to remind ourselves of the importance of internet safety.

**HUMANITIES (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY):** Our Invaders & Settlers topic will come to a close this term as we learn more about Roman life in Britain, identifying the most important aspects of the Roman legacy. During Geography lessons, the children will be introduced to how settlements develop over time, focusing particularly on their knowledge of Broxbourne. We will also look at a northern industrial city and compare it with our own local area.

### **THE ARTS including MUSIC:**

Our art this term will be based around animals of the Savannah. We will be able to consolidate skills in drawing, painting and printing to recreate animals. We will also be incorporating Design and Technology into our unit where we will be designing and making a cushion.

In music this term we will be exploring structure, pitch, and performance through the topics of Human Body, French, Ancient Worlds, Food and Drink.

**PE, HEALTH AND WELL BEING:** In PE this term the children will experience a range of sports and activities, including Tennis, Multi-skills and Orienteering. They will also investigate the most efficient techniques to enable them to run, jump and throw with confidence. PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**FRENCH:** This term the children will continue to learn and revise numbers to 20, colours, fruits and vocabulary related to time. Lessons will include a variety of games and songs to help the children learn simple phrases and vocabulary.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:** Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and support them in learning their weekly spellings. We are focusing on our 8 times tables this term so please practise these with your child as often as possible. Homework will be set on Monday and is due in on Friday.