



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1B.

English:

Reading: November is Non-Fiction November. We will be having 4 reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading the text and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a fable narrative for our fiction writing and an information report about foxes for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the following rules: adding the suffix -ous and -ly.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number (addition and subtraction), measurement (money), statistics, number (multiplication and division) and measurement (length and perimeter).

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Animals including Humans. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat
- identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Christmas: How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives? The aim of this topic is to give children the opportunity to reflect upon Christmas as a celebration of God's presence with us 2000 years ago and now and the Christian Values we will be exploring are faith, compassion and love. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: In what ways do Christians believe that God is with us? How does it feel to be in the presence of God? How did/does the presence of Jesus have an impact on people's lives? In what ways do Christians believe that they are the presence of Jesus in the world today?

History:

Our History topic this half term is the Cradles of Civilisation. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. The land of the two rivers.
2. Trade, building, writing.
3. The Epic of Gilgamesh.
4. Cradles of civilisation.
5. Similarities between civilisations.
6. Art in ancient civilisations.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Mountains. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. What is a mountain?
2. Mountain ranges.
3. Why do people live on mountains?
4. Living in the Andes.
5. Mountainous regions of the UK.
6. Snowdonia.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be doing:

Dance

Our PE day this half term will be on a Monday.

Music:

In Music this half term, our topic is called 'Glockenspiel - stage one'.

We will introduce note names 'd' and 'e' as we listen, appraise and compose. Our final piece will be performed and shared in class.

Art

This half term we will be studying Drawing: Growing artists. We will be recognising how artists use shape in drawing, shading to create tone in our drawings, understanding how texture can be created, observing botanical drawings and exploring composition and scale to create abstract drawings.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Information Technology: creating a multimedia slide presentation as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Celebrating Differences. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Families

Family Conflict

Witness and Feelings

Witness and Solutions

Words that harm

Celebrating Difference: Compliments

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

November - National Literacy Trust - Non Fiction November

11th November - Remembrance Day

12th November - Diwali

13th November - World Kindness Day

14th - 20th November - Anti-bullying week

18th November - Children in Need

Church visits:

This half term, we will be attending a Remembrance Service in SMA Church on Monday 13th November (children only).

We will also be participating in our Experience Advent event on Tuesday 28th November in SMA Church (children only).