



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2A.

English:

Reading: We will be having four reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine 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, 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse – analyse – plan – write and edit. We will be writing a setting narrative for our fiction writing and an information leaflet about rivers 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 -ly and words ending in -ture.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: multiplication and division and measurement (length and perimeter).

Science:

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

- compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties
- describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock
- recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Jesus (How does/did Jesus change lives?). We will be looking at the following questions:

- What does 'change' mean?
- How can our lives be changed? Is it easy to change?
- How did Jesus change lives?
- When did/does Jesus change lives?
- What happens when Jesus changes a person's life?

History:

Our History topic this half term is the Indus Valley. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. The dancing girl.
2. So many puzzles!
3. Bricks, buildings and baths.
4. Making beautiful things.
5. Boats and barter, trade and travel.
6. Two more puzzles: rulers and religion.

Geography:

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

1. What is a settlement?
2. What is a village?
3. What is a town?
4. What is a city?
5. London: the largest city in the UK.
6. Cardiff is a city.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be Gymnastics

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

Music:

In Music this half term we will be listening to Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. We will be identifying the style of music (reggae), the theme of the song (reggae and animals) and looking at the structure, form and shape of the song.

Design Technology

This half term we will be following the process of design, make, evaluate to make our own structures (constructing a castle). We will recognise the features of a castle, design a castle, construct nets and structures and build a castle.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Information Technology: databases as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Dreams and Goals. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Dreams and Goals

My Dreams and Ambitions

A New Challenge

Our New Challenge

Our New Challenge - Overcoming Obstacles

Celebrating My Learning

Dates for your diary:

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

1st February - HMRC Workshop

2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

5th - 11th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Church visits: