

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

English

Spelling – Weekly spelling tests linked to the year 3 and 4 common exception words.

Grammar and Punctuation – Pupils will continue to practise their use of basic punctuation (full-stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks, commas) as well as developing their knowledge of “inverted commas” and possessive apostrophes. They will build upon their understanding of adjectives, verbs, nouns and adverbs.

Writing – Pupils will learn the features of adventure stories, non-chronological reports, letter writing and poetry. They will develop their skills in writing non-fiction, character/setting descriptions, building tension and the use of speech.

Chosen Texts – The Secret of Black Rock (Joe Todd-Stanton), Leon and the Place Between (Angela McAllister), poetry by Christina Rossetti, and Non-fiction text on skeletons and healthy eating.



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Maths

Mathematics:

Multiplication & Division: The children will be learning formal written methods of multiplication and division.

Fractions: The children will be learning about fractions, understanding what a denominator and numerator are and that the smaller the denominator is the larger the fraction. They will learn to find fractions on a number line and of a set of objects or a whole number. They will also be learning about tenths.

Measure: The children will be developing their understanding of measuring in centimetre, millimetre, metre, grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

Religious Education

Galilee to Jerusalem - Children will explore how parables and miracles from the Gospel of Mathew reveal the meaning of the Kingdom of God. We will explore how parables use everyday images, such as seeds and farming, to prompt listeners to think differently about God's kingdom, and consider miracles as signs of Jesus' compassion and divine power, through the miracle of the Centurion's Servant.

Desert to Garden - Children will explore how Jesus' feeding of the multitude prepares for the gift of the Eucharist and reflects God's care for his people in the desert. Children will call the words and actions of Jesus at the last supper and make simple links with his words and actions in the miracle of the loaves. Children will also make links between the story of the Last Supper and the Mass.

Science

In our '**Amazing Bodies**' topic we will be learning about all the different parts of the body with a particular focus on bones and muscles. The children will also learn about '**Light & Shadow**' – how/why shadows are formed and how opaque, translucent and transparent materials let different amounts of light through.

Geography

In Geography, children will learn about **Climate Zones**. They will learn the names and characteristics of the main climate zones (Arid, Polar, Tropical, Temperate and Mediterranean) and link their weather/temperature patterns to their distance from the equator.

Children will also learn about the continent **North America**. We will explore the human and physical features in North America, as well as learning about the Rocky Mountains and the eruption of Mount St Helen's. Children will also compare the cities of London and New York.

Computing

The children will learn about **Branching Databases** and how they can be used to sort information effectively. They will then create a branching database by thinking of questions to sort items. In the second unit, children will learn about **Spreadsheets** – they will create pie charts, bar graphs and use the formula bar in 2Calculate to perform calculations.

Music

The children will learn to play the ukulele using a broad range of pitch and rhythm patterns, expression and technique. They will begin to learn the skills of composing and improvising patterns using a broad range of pitch and rhythm patterns, and expression

PE & Sport

This term the children will perform dances using a range of movement patterns. They will learn how to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through a variety of exercise. They will count, link moves and demonstrate with fluency and control as part of a sequence and choreograph their own dance with actions, movement and props.

PSHE

In PSHE the children will be recognizing different types of relationships and explore how they can begin to solve problems for themselves. We will also discuss topics of online safety and mental health awareness. Children will be learning how to keep themselves safe as well as what to do if things feel bad.

Design & Technology

The children will make healthy **fruit smoothies** as part of their DT 'Nutrition & Food' unit this term, using fresh fruit. They will taste, design and make their own smoothie, using a knife safely while developing their chopping/slicing skills.

In our 'Textiles' unit, children will make an **Easter bag** where they will learn how to applique a design onto felt and practice different sewing stitches to join their bag together.

Rich experiences/trips

Making three-dimensional, miniature dioramas in Geography to demonstrate their learning of a climate zone of their choice. 'Hook lesson' immersing children in the circus for our English topic. Virtual fieldwork in North America.