

## ENGLISH

We are lucky to be able to explore 'Window' by Jeannie Baker this half term, an eco-conscious and thought-provoking tour de force of imagery and contrast, which won 'Picture Book of the Year' in Baker's native Australia. Writing to persuade and describe will be the children's foci during these weeks. Also highly anticipated this half term will be our visual literacy focus, 'There's a Rang Tan in my Bedroom', which brings a light-hearted feel to the serious topic of deforestation. Let the persuasive writing commence!

During grammar sessions on a Monday, the children will consolidate their understanding of terminology covered over the past year. Discrete spelling lessons will continue to cover some of the key spelling patterns needed for success in year 3. We will also include some words commonly misspelled by pupils in their independent writing tasks.

During reading lessons, the children will analyse fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts to consider vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and sequencing.

## PSHE

We will finish off our 'safety and the changing body' topic this half term and then finish PSHE with a focus on transitioning to year 4 and the emotions and expectations related to this change.

## RE

This half term, the children will use their prior knowledge to support them in answering the question: "What can religion and worldviews tell us about conflict, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, and is that important?".

## MATHS

As we wind our way towards the end of our year 3 maths units, the children will begin focusing on shape and statistics. In shape, the children will learn about angles, lines and polygons. In statistics, pictograms and bar charts will come to the forefront of learning. At the tail end of July, pupils will consolidate learning with some problem-solving activities.

In preparation to moving up to year 4, the children will work to fully consolidate their knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables. They will complete weekly fluency tests on a Friday, which can be supported at home by taking advantage of the regular TT Rockstars battles!

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

During our DT lessons this half term, the children will work through the process of turning a 2D shape into a 3D product. To do this, they will learn some sewing skills, including how to successfully produce a running stitch and an overcast stitch. The first step, however, will need to be how to thread a needle!

## COMPUTING

Exciting weeks lie ahead of us, as the children will be learning how to use Micro:Bits. As part of this, pupils will use their coding skills from the autumn term.

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# Year 3

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

| Monday      | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                                                | Friday                 |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Library day |         |           | PE day<br>Homework due<br>Spelling test<br>Fluency test | PE day<br>Homework set |

## FRENCH

To balance out our topic of ice cream from last half term, we are becoming healthy with a unit on fruits! In this unit, pupils will learn 10 fruits and be introduced to the simple opinions 'I like' and 'I do not like'. They will have the chance to showcase how far they have come in the last 12 months with their French pronunciation through plenty of discussions and games.

## SCIENCE

Learning how to work scientifically is an important element of all of our science lessons, and the children will build on these skills with their final cross-unit science focus: does hand span affect grip strength? A full scientific enquiry will be launched in Week 2, requiring children to pose questions, make predictions, observe and gather data, evaluate findings and spot patterns. Children will need to draw upon knowledge gleaned over the previous five science topics to help them with this fun and intriguing investigation.

## MUSIC

Pentatonic melodies and compositions will be the focus in music for the last half term of year 3. The children will be using tuned instruments and recalling their knowledge of letter notation from prior lessons with the glockenspiels. Following our very successful ballad compositions, we are sure that the children will enjoy the challenge of creating their own pentatonic melody.

## PE

Great fun is in store in PE this half term, as the children continue tennis sessions. We will also be looking forward to our upcoming Sports Day, with some practice sessions for hurdling, javelin and relay races nearer the time. Some rounders and cricketing techniques will also be a focus later on in this half term.

## GEOGRAPHY

To finish our humanities learning in year 3, the children will follow the winding bends and swirling eddies of one of Earth's most important aquatic biomes - rivers.

With links to the River Nile thanks to our history learning in the first summer term, year 3 will explore the features of rivers and how they are used for a variety of purposes globally.

Pupils will be able to talk about the water cycle as well as make judgements on the environmental quality in a river environment. What else lies beneath the depths?!