

Computing

- Our topic is called 'Connecting Computers. We will learn about inputs, processes and outputs. We will also compare digital and non-digital devices by creating Van Gough's 'Starry Night' on a paint program, and with art materials.

PSHE

- Resilience and mental well being through a range of discussions and activities.

Welcome to Year 3

We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term!



Science

- Our Rocks, Fossils & Soils topic will include investigating the properties of rocks and soils.
- Finding out about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.
- Learning about the life of Mary Anning who discovered an ichthyosaur in Dorset!
- We will explore how fossils are formed and will have a go at making some of our own!

English

- Work based on Mary Howitt's book 'The Spider and the Fly' to develop sentence construction.
- The Journey and the Paper Bag Princess.
- Spelling work including words to go home which need to be learnt for a weekly spelling test.
- Handwriting to develop basic letter formation and joins.

Music

- Securing the ability to hear, understand and identify pitches do, re, mi and Introducing singing games to prepare for learning so and la.

Art

- Colour mixing and creating a colour wheel.
- Looking at the art movement 'Fauvism' and creating our own work in this style using paint and oil pastels.

Spanish

- Taught by Mrs Kay, a fluent Spanish speaker.
- Reading, writing, speaking and listening activities.
- Simple greetings, learning numbers to 10, colours and the vocabulary of 'What's in your pencil case'.

PE

- Ball handling skills to develop throwing and catching.
- We will be practising different passes and using our skills in team games.
- The children will continue to develop their overall fitness levels taking part in the whole school 'daily mile'.

Maths

- Daily lessons including one main session and one or two short fluency sessions.
- Our focus this term is on place value and addition and subtraction. The children will be encouraged to use a range of resources to develop their understanding and to talk about their methods and reasoning.
- We will start the Maths Challenge again soon which focuses on essential skills such as number bonds and times tables.

Geography

- We will find out all about volcanoes, including why they erupt, where they are found, types of volcanoes and the world's most dangerous ones. We will also investigate the destruction of the Roman city of Pompeii by Mount Vesuvius.

RE

- We will study the religion of Islam, finding out about Mohammad, the Qur'an and how Muslims live.

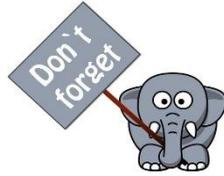
PE

Year 3 will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays, although the children need to have their PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change.

Lessons will take place outside for the moment so please make sure they have both indoor and outdoor kits, not forgetting trainers. If possible, it is best not to wear earrings on PE days.

Reminders

& Extra Information



Drinks & Snacks

Please make sure you bring a water bottle filled with fresh water every day. Bottles can be refilled throughout the day.

The children are very welcome to bring a healthy snack for playtime.

Reading at Home

We will send reading records and books home as soon as we have checked the children's reading levels. Children should read at least 3 times a week and this needs to be recorded in their record. At the present time, we cannot check reading records in school so they should be kept at home. Please only bring reading books back into school when they need changing. The children will also read in school but we will use separate books.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

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Homework

Homework will consist of weekly spellings, reading and TT Rock Stars.

Children are also very welcome to carry out their own research for our topics by using books or the internet. See the useful websites below.

Useful Websites

Volcanoes <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc>

Rocks & Soils <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

Maths Activities

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

Lots of information on a range of subjects and topics

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Times Table Rock Stars and Languagenut

Children will be reminded of their details for TT Rock Stars (new children will be set up with an account) so they can continue to use this at home to practise their times tables.

This year, the children will also be given a username for the languagenut website so they can practise their Spanish at home through a range of activities.