

English

Our key text this half term will be 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. We will be using the story to help to develop our skills in writing informatively, in the form of a newspaper report. We will be sequencing information carefully, using a range of sentence structures and adverbs to express time, place and cause.

In guided reading we will more deeply explore 'The Hodgeheg', followed by 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. The children will practise their reading fluency skills alongside learning to retrieve, predict and infer information about the text. They will also develop their skills in investigating new vocabulary through further dictionary practise.

In spellings, we have revised our approach and now teach spelling in two groups, three times a week. The children will learn spellings that build on their phonics knowledge, introducing new spelling strategies and exceptions step-by-step. They will be tested each Monday.

In handwriting, the children will continue to develop skills to improve the neatness and legibility of their cursive writing. They are expected to join letters.

Design & Technology (D&T)

In D&T we are exploring wearable technology. The children will design a flashing safety harness for children using computer technology (BBC Micro:bit). They will draw a product concept, programme a virtual Micro:bit and design product packaging.

MFL

In French, we will be learning about animals, or *les animaux*! The children will learn the names of different animals, practising pronunciation, spelling and listening to a variety of animals.

PSHE

We will be learning about computer and online safety, helping the children to recognise appropriate behaviours and how to keep themselves and their personal information safe online.

Year 3

Spring Term 2

Geography

In Geography we will learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will explore different types of tectonic plates which have helped to shape our planet and how they create both volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its impact on Pompeii.

Music

In music we will be learning lyrics to songs and taking part as the choir in the year 3 and 4 production of The Bee Musical.

Maths

This term we are completing our unit on time where we are revisiting reading the time to o'clock (the hour), a quarter past, half past and a quarter to the hour. We are moving onto telling the time to 5 minutes and also to the nearest minute past and to the hour.

Then we are looking at multiplication and division, recapping our 2, 5 and 10-times tables and then moving through our 3, 4 and 8-times table. We are then using times tables and division to solve written word problems.

Next, we move onto fractions, then place value and addition and subtraction.

Science

Plants don't go to McDonalds! We will be learning this half term about how plants make their own food. We will learn that to make their own food plants need to take up water from the ground, carbon dioxide from the air and light from the sun. Food provides plants with energy to grow.

RE

We are learning this half term about the paschal candle. We will be learning about what a ritual is. We will learn how the paschal candle is a ritual used by Christians as part of Easter traditions.

PE

The children will receive two PE lessons a week. In 3SM, the children will practise gymnastic skills on a and ball skills on a Wednesday with an Active 360 sports coach. In 3SH, children will practise ball skills on Wednesday with an Active 360 coach and on Thursday with coaches from Cranbourne school.