

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 3

Spring 2021 Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely, festive break and we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Myself, Mrs Lane and Mrs Daniell would like to say a huge thank you for our extremely generous Christmas presents. We are looking forward to another fantastic term filled with lots of exciting learning. Year 3 will continue to be ably supported by Mrs Jane Monday to Thursday and Mrs Daniell on a Friday.

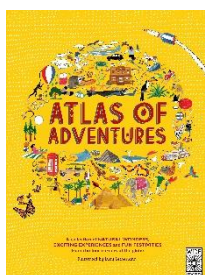
Maths

In Maths, we use the Herts for Learning materials along with other resources to support our teaching of the Primary Curriculum. Techniques to support learning include partner talk, games, book work, investigations, use of concrete materials and many other techniques. Maths areas covered this term will include the different types of lines, properties of shape, multiplication and division facts and fractions.



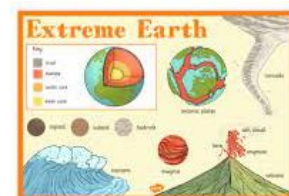
English

In English, we will mostly use a Herts for Learning English module. This term our 'Take One Book' - Atlas of Adventures - will focus on information texts. Following this we will have a Poetry unit looking at Haikus, Tankus and Kennings. While exploring the different writing styles and structure of each genre, we will also look at developing children's vocabulary within their writing and other vocabulary building activities. Grammar teaching will be incorporated into the teaching of writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons. Spelling and handwriting lessons will take place each week to introduce the weekly spelling pattern as well as focusing on the important Statutory Year 3 and 4 words to spell. In addition, there will be whole Guided Reading which focuses on the vocabulary used, making inferences, predictions, explaining our answers and summarise what we have read.



Geography

Our topic for the term will be Extreme Earth. In this exciting Geography based topic, we mainly focusing on volcanoes and earthquakes. We will develop an understanding of the earth's structure and how this impacts extreme weather conditions such as tsunamis and tornados. Some of our geography learning will relate to our art this term too. Towards the end of the term we will be improving a number of other geography skills such as map reading and use of compass directions.



Science

In Science, our main focus is light in which we will looking at different light sources and how they reflect on difference surfaces. The children will conduct their own investigations to help explore shadows, light and reflections.

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RE

In RE, we will be continue to follow our new scheme called The Emmanuel Project. This term the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Hinduism and Christianity. We will base our learning on the following questions:

Spring 1: Why do Hindus want to collect good karma?

Spring 2: Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?



Art and DT

In Art we will be looking at landscape and volcano pictures. During the second half term, we will be exploring pneumatics in DT.

PE

The children will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. This half term we are focusing on tag rugby and gymnastics. After half term we will be focusing on tennis as well as continuing our gymnastics learning. Please make sure that clothing is appropriate for all weathers as some of our learning will be outside.



Computing

Over the coming term we are going to be continuing to understand how spreadsheets are created and used. We will also be learning to collect data and create graphs on Purple Mash. In the second half term we will be learning about touch typing and emails.

Music

Using our excellent new music scheme, Charanga, the children will follow the units called 'Three Little Birds' and 'The Drago Song' in which they will develop their appraisal skills.



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

RHE lessons will follow our JIGSAW scheme of work. This term the children will be considering their dreams and goals as well as focusing on how to keep themselves healthy.

Further information

Please continue to **read daily** and practice **times tables** with your child at home. This is essential to support their learning and progress in school. Additional tasks will continue to be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a weekly basis - handed out on a Thursday and returned the following Tuesday. These will often be a maths and spelling activity but may also include other subject areas.

Please provide your child with a **daily healthy snack** for break time and please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. As the weather is getting warmer, you may also wish to consider a **sun hat**. Please can all clothing be clearly named as well.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating life in all its fullness.

Mrs Loft, Mrs Lane and Mrs Daniell