

# What's happening in Year 3 & 4?

## Our Planet

### RE

In Year 3, we are looking at 'Creation' in Spring 1 and 'Salvation' in Spring 2.

In Creation, we will focus on how Christians believe that God made the world and the subsequent 'Fall of Man' in the story of Adam and Eve.

In Salvation, we will consider how Christians believe that Jesus sacrificed himself to save people from their sins.

In RE, Year 4 will be learning about Sikhism and what it is like to be a Sikh in Britain today. We will then move on to Salvation where we will consider how Christians believe that Jesus sacrificed himself to save people from their sins in greater depth.

### PE

For the first half of this term we will focus on Dance and Gymnastics developing our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

For the second half of this term we will focus on Hockey and developing our dribbling skills and how to pass with control.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be developing our knowledge of the world and how different areas can be identified. We will be looking at biomes, vegetation belts, the equator and hemispheres, and much more. We will also focus on the water cycle and how it effects our world.

We will continue to improve our understanding of maps, globes and compasses, and use grid references to find things on a map.

### Music

In music, we are going to be focussing on making music and sounds to represent aspects of our planet and things that are happening to our planet. We will also be learning how to compose our own music using self-made symbols to represent a beat.

### MFL

IN French, we are going to continue to learn our sentence starters and build on our vocabulary to do with Our Planet, including: animals, plants and foods.

## Forest Classroom (outdoor learning)

This term we are excited to use the Forest classroom to support our learning.

Mrs Jemmeson - Monday

Miss Temple - Monday

Mr Attewill - Tuesday

Miss Shannon - Wednesday

## Writing

In Year 3, we are linking all of our writing to the theme of 'Our Planet' which we are focussing on in our school. We are practicing our handwriting and making sure that we follow our school's non-negotiables. We will also be developing our skills with punctuation rules such as apostrophe for possession, the present perfect tense and speech marks in direct speech.

Our writing genres will include a mixture of fiction and non-fiction, such as: scripts, persuasive argument and chronological recounts.

In year 4, we will also link our writing to 'Our Planet'. We will be writing a diary entry, a biography and a persuasive argument. We will be practicing our handwriting, learning new spelling rules and always aiming to reach the Year 4 standard and non-negotiables.



## Reading

In Reading we will be ensuring a text makes sense to the children and working out the meaning of unknown words using the context of the book. These are the books we will be reading together:

Mrs Jemmeson - Zombierella

Miss Temple - Children who Changed the World

Mr Attewill - The Nothing To See Here Hotel

Miss Shannon - The Creakers

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We are going to conduct a focussed study on an Arctic Explorer from our past. We will follow their life, how they became an explorer and what they did which made them a valued historical figure.

### Art

In Art, we will be focussing on a specific art style, which has come from China, called Chinese Water Colour Drops. We will be using pencil to sketch out a rough plan for our work and then develop our fine art skills using a small paintbrush on wet paper to create an image.

### DT

We will develop our planning skills, using our imagination to devise a new invention that will be used to trap a bug. We will then use our plans to make a bug-trap and evaluate our work using practical testing to see what went well and what could be improved.

### Computing

Computers will be used to research animals in our world safely and consider how we should act online which will be reinforced during PSHE. We will also be using Scratch to program a simple program of animals moving at different speeds.

### Science

Our topics in science this term are 'All Living Things' and "States of Matter". We will be looking at how we can group living things and use classification tables to help us identify animals and other things. We will also be looking at adaptations of animals and trying to spot where animals might live if they have specific features. We are going to learn about Solids, Liquids and Gases, and how they can change from one to another. We will then use this to become scientists again and perform experiments to identify what happens when land and sea ice melt.

### PSHE

The children in LSK2 build on the skills they have learnt in KS1, including learning to describe the best ways to keep safe and belong to a community.

We will consider how to be safe by learning about: medicines and drugs; physical, emotional and online safety; confidentiality; and privacy and boundaries.

We will consider how we belong to a community by learning about: how we belong; our environment around us; money; and the emergency services. This will also link to our World of Work.

### RSE

In RSE, Year 3 will learn about 'Personal Space' and 'Online Relationships'. Year 4 will learn about 'Keeping Safe' and 'Critically thinking about online friendships'.

## Maths

Every lesson will start with Fact Recall, the facts we need to know to be able to progress in our understanding of number - doubles, halves, number bonds, times tables facts are just a few. Every day we will practise what we have learnt in our Daily Practise session too, ensuring that we know how to make connections.

Year 3 Mathematicians will be focusing on multiplying and dividing 2-digit by 1-digit numbers, using our knowledge of our times tables. We will use lots of equipment and practical activities to develop and deepen our understanding.

We will then move on to focus on money and how to convert pounds into pence and pence into pounds before moving onto adding and subtracting money using our previous knowledge of adding and subtracting to develop our understanding.

We will then be focusing on length and perimeter before moving onto fractions. The children's knowledge will be deeply embedded with opportunity for children to reason and problem solve throughout all the topics.

Year 4 Mathematicians will be learning written methods for multiplication and division and will also recap their knowledge of column addition and subtraction. They will be learning about fractions, how to add them and subtract them from whole numbers and decimals. They will learn to order and compare money in Money Week.

As always, we will be practicing our times tables (including division facts) every day. Children's knowledge will be deeply embedded with opportunity for children to reason and problem solve throughout all the topics.