



Year 3/4 - Spring Term 2019

Why is water important?



R.E.

To conclude our learning on Islam and Hinduism, we will be visiting a Mosque and Mandir. We will then be looking at the creation story and what Christians learn from it. Finally, we will explore the Easter Story.

P.E.

The children will be developing and practising skills and tactics which they can apply to simple games. Blyton class will start swimming from the 22nd January. Dance, as well as Gymnastics will be the focus this term. **PE kits (including trainers) need to be in school every day.**

PHSE & SEAL

While 'Going for Goals, we will reflect on ourselves as learners, looking at our strengths and setting targets. Later in the term we will be exploring our feelings and considering how to manage them.

Home Learning Project

The children will choose an aspect on the importance of water to research in more depth. Details to follow shortly.

Geography

In this topic the children are learning to be geographers. They will develop their skills using maps and atlases, learning more about grid references and Ordnance Survey symbols, and will be describing physical features in a locality. They will develop their understanding of how rivers are formed and of the water cycle. This is also a great opportunity to explore some key environmental issues.

The children will apply their new knowledge and skills in creating a news report, explaining why water is so important.

Science & DT

We will continue to develop our scientific enquiry skills looking at states of matter. We will also explore electricity linking to our DT work where we will be making a device with a simple circuit and switch. The theme of this year's Science Week is 'Journeys'.

Art

Through our Arts Week focus on various still life pictures by famous artists, the children will build on their sketching skills using pencil, charcoal and oil pastels. At the end of the week, after exploring perspective, the children will arrange their own still life in order to draw it in a media of their choice.

English

In addition to enjoying our class texts, we will be reading and writing poetry around the topic of water and looking at the imagery used.

Through our topic, we will present more formal balanced arguments, both verbally and in writing. This will be linked to current environmental issues, including the pollution of water.

Maths

Multiplication and division and fractions and decimals are key foci this term. We will be making sure the children are secure in the calculation methods and using them to solve problems. We will continue to work on quick recall of number facts including the times tables through Big Maths.

Computing

Handling data is our focus this term and we will be using software to collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information in different ways.

You can help your child by:

Making sure they read regularly; practise their spellings, tables and Learn Its, and complete their homework in the time given. Homework is usually given out on Wednesdays and due back on Mondays. Remember to check the Mathletics website for any set home learning tasks too. We have a daily Mathletics club in school too if your child does not have access at home.