



Year 3/4 - Spring Term 2017

Why is water important?



R.E.

The children will build on their understanding of Christian beliefs, focussing on the significance of Jesus, what is known about him and the significance of his teachings to believers.

P.E.

The children will be developing and practising skills and tactics which they can apply to simple games. Dahl class will start off Y3/4 swimming from the 24th January. Dance will also be a focus as we prepare for our Easter performance.

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

We will continue to develop our scientific enquiry skills looking at how to make and change sounds in different ways. We will also explore making light, sound and movement through making simple electrical circuits.

Art

Arts week launched our focus based around hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future. The children are developing and practising painting skills involving colour mixing, texture and line linked to abstract art. Through our topic, we will also explore collage techniques to create images and represent textures.

English

We will be creating a story set in an imaginary world, using extracts from stories and our senses to help us explore and describe our fantasy world. 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, linked to environmental issues.

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.