



What's happening during Summer 2 in Year 3?



Literacy

Writing – This half term, we will be using the ancient Greek myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' from 'Greek Myths' by Geraldine McCaughrean. Our focus will be on developing the necessary writing skills to craft a 'myth' narrative.

SPaG skills

- selecting powerful, precise and well-chosen verbs,
- Using personification to describe
- Using detailed sentences of 3 (commas in a list)
- Using inverted commas to show direct speech
- Using expanded noun phrases
- Using subordination and coordination

Reading - Our reading lessons will focus on activities around 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and other stories from 'Greek Myths'. Reading fluency will involve examining different myths, emphasising accuracy, pace, punctuation, and expression. We will concentrate on the skills of retrieval, exploring vocabulary, sequencing events, developing inference and analysing author choices and their impact on the reader.

Spelling/ phonics – Children will further be encouraged to explore a range of spellings rules and strategies for learning spellings. Spelling homework will be set so that the children can practice the spellings that we look at in lessons and will be tested each Friday. This provides further opportunities to become more familiar with the rules in different contexts.

Handwriting – Children will practice their joining in every literacy lesson. This will focus on the correct formation and size of letters. At least one lesson a week will have a handwriting focus.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed regularly in the library, if books have been completed. **All** reading records will need to be brought in every day. Please continue to read regularly with your child and sign your child's reading diary each time that they read.



Curriculum

Science - Light

In this unit we will be studying 'Light', where we will explore how light is reflected from surfaces and recognise that sunlight can be harmful, exploring ways to protect their eyes. Additionally, children will learn to recognise how shadows are formed.

History: Wars of the Roses

Ancient Greece: City States
Athens and Democracy
The Persian Wars
Alexander the Great
Greek Gods and Goddesses



Art- Modern Architecture

The children will compare build and will consider the buildings critically, comparing use of line, materials and different features. They revise how to use different drawing skills to make drawings of the Guggenheim Museum.

Music- Ukulele

Lessons will be held every **Thursday afternoon** and delivered by a professional Music Teacher. Please ensure that ukuleles are in school each Thursday morning ready for the lesson.

9th – Y3 ukulele concert 1pm - 2pm

PHSE- Money Matters

This unit aims to encourage children to think about where money comes from and how it can be used. Children will discuss how we spend money, why people might need to borrow money and the consequences of this.

RE- Islam, Enquiry Question: Does praying at regular intervals help Muslims in their everyday lives?

In this unit, we will look at how and why Muslims pray. Prayer is talking to Allah.

DT – DT week (6-10 July)

Cooking

Bread and Butter
Pasta

Maths

Money- In year 3, pupils will be taught to recognise coins and notes and make different amounts. They will then look at how to add and subtract amounts of money to give change.

Time- Within this unit, the children will learn how to tell the time to the nearest minute using an analogue clock and use the terms 'past' and 'to'. They will also measure and compare durations of time in seconds. The children will learn how to find the duration of events using analogue and digital clocks and compare durations of different events.

Shape- This half term, the children will continue to learn about the properties of shapes, investigate right angles, and understand perpendicular and parallel lines. The key words for this section are 2D, 3D, polygon, polyhedron, parallel, and vertex.

Statistics- When exploring statistics, the children will learn to interpret and create various types of graphs. They will solve two-step problems involving tables and charts. The key terms for this section are bar chart, continuous data, discrete data, scale, and tally chart.

***Times table tests** will take place every week. Please practise using TT Rock Stars or MathShed.

Arithmetic tests will be given as homework some weeks – this allows you to see the level of number work expected at this stage of Year 3.



PE

PE will continue to be held on **Tuesday** morning. Children should come into school wearing their navy tracksuit and appropriate footwear. They will remain in this for the rest of the day. ****Sports Day – 17th June**

Forest School

Forest School is every **Thursday** afternoon. Children should arrive in school wearing their uniform and bring appropriate clothing for the outdoor weather including a coat and outdoor shoes.