

English:

This term, we will explore *The Secret of Black Rock* and *Star in a Jar* as our key texts. Our writing focus will include crafting a non-chronological report linked to our geography unit, as well as delving into poetry. Using *The Write Stuff* approach, we aim to develop the children's skills in constructing effective sentences and expanding their vocabulary.

Spelling will be a key focus as we learn and apply spelling rules, alongside practicing some of the Year 3 and 4 statutory vocabulary. Additionally, reading lessons will help children strengthen their comprehension skills through targeted activities.

Maths:

This term, our focus will be on multiplication, division, fractions, and measurement. The children will develop their skills in measuring length, capacity, and mass using standard units such as millimetres, grams, and millilitres.

We will also work on multiplying and dividing, progressing to calculations involving 2-digit numbers multiplied and divided by 1-digit numbers.

To support your child, please encourage regular times tables practice—they can even chant them on the go! *Hit the Button*, a free online tool, is a great way to make practice fun.

Mastering times tables and their related division facts helps build confidence and strengthens mathematical understanding, enabling children to approach new concepts more effectively.

Thank you for your continued support!



This term, Year 3 will be visiting the *Birmingham Progressive Synagogue* as part of our Religious Education topic on Judaism.

The children will also be visiting our local library.

Curriculum

Geography - This term, our topic is *Where is East Anglia?* The children will learn what defines East Anglia as a region, exploring its physical features. We will also study how sea erosion shapes the landscape and investigate different types of settlements found in East Anglia.

History - In History, we will travel back in time to explore life during the Roman era. The children will investigate what life was like for people in Roman times and answer the question: *What did the Romans leave behind?*

Art - This term, the children will focus on pattern and shape, designing prints and exploring the work of Ruth Daniels.

Design and Technology (DT) - In DT, the children will design and make a healthy sandwich, combining creativity with practical skills.

Music - The children will continue learning to play the Pbone (plastic trombone) with Mr. Hadlington from Dudley Performing Arts.

Computing - In Computing, pupils will be creating their own Scratch animations in our coding and programming unit.

PSHE - In PSHE, the children will focus on two key topics: *Dreams and Goals* and *Healthy Me*.

Modern Foreign Languages (French) - The children will continue learning the basics of French, with a new focus on vocabulary related to musical instruments.

This term's values are 'Hope and Love'

RE:

In RE, we will continue our learning about Judaism by investigating the question "How does the law impact on how Jewish people live?" Children will then focus on Christian love within Christianity.

PE day is on a Tuesday.

PE: Year 3 will continue with indoor and outdoor physical education throughout spring, including units of dance, rounders, and hockey.

Science:

In Science, we are learning about plants and animals including humans. We are focusing on the big questions, 'Why are skeletons and muscles important for humans and some animals?' and 'How do the functions of a plant support its growth and survival?'

Homework

Homework tasks are shared on Google Classroom, including tasks that are set on Mathletics. The expectation for homework is to read daily, practise times tables regularly, complete set work on Mathletics and practise spellings.

Homework is set on a Friday and is to be completed for the following Wednesday.