



Year 3

Parent Summary

Spring Term

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are rested and ready for work this spring term. As you will see we have another exciting term lined up for the children!

English

We will continue to look at a variety of genres in our English lessons, beginning with traditional tales from China. At the end of the Spring half term the children will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Young Speaker Challenge. In the lead up to this we will be writing persuasive texts about a current affairs topic. We will also be using the text 'Meerkat Mail' to write our own diary entries based in different countries around the world. We will continue to work on grammatical skills, including using a thesaurus and dictionary. There will also be an emphasis on cursive handwriting.



Guided reading, will take place each morning, focusing on inference skills, summarising a text, and understanding the meaning behind unfamiliar vocabulary. Stay and Learn sessions will be continuing every Friday morning, so please feel free to join us.

Mathematics

There will be a continued focus on learning all times tables to 12 and applying times table knowledge to written multiplication and division strategies. There will be practical opportunities to develop problem solving skills with an emphasis on measuring (Length & Weight) as well as telling the time. The children will also be reintroduced to fractions and Roman numerals.

Science

In Science, the children will explore and learn about different forces and their effects through a variety of practical investigations looking at friction, air resistance and water resistance. In the second half term, the children will learn about animals including humans and begin to understand how animals have adapted to the environment in which they live.



Computing

In Computing the children will learn about e-safety and how to stay safe online. The children will continue to learn coding using a combination of different formats. They will also continue to use technology to publish their work such as book creator, J2e and work digitally on Google classroom. They will also use I-pads to explore new learning opportunities and how to work across different apps.



Cookery

During the term the children will have cooking opportunities covering the 6 strands of cooking skills; weighing and measuring, cutting and knife skills, mixing, shaping and assembling, heating, serving and assembling. This term the focus will be on Chinese cuisine.

Humanities

Our two topics this term are 'China' and 'Extreme Survival'. In 'China' children will compare China to the UK, they will also learn about the Shang Dynasty and Chinese traditions such as Chinese New Year. 'Extreme Survival' will focus on how both animals and humans survive the most extreme climates.

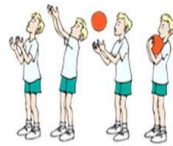


Music

Recorder lessons will continue to take place each week, developing the children's ability to read musical notation and work on singing in harmony with each other.

Physical Education

Swimming lessons will continue to take place every Tuesday. The children will also take part in gymnastics and dance lessons to develop their flexibility, balance, creativity and strength.



PSHE

In PSHE the children will be developing their understanding of emotional and mental Well-being. They will be encouraged to share and celebrate their achievements as well as set their own personal goals. They will also learn and implement positive behaviours to deal with set-backs.



Art/Design and Technology

In art the children will be creating their own winter picture, taking inspiration from different artists. The children will also be looking at Chinese traditional art, exploring and replicating Chinese architecture.

Please remember that this is just a brief outline of this term's plans and does not include everything the children will be doing!