

English

For the first few weeks of this term, we will be exploring traditional tales before looking at 'The Real Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We will be developing our knowledge of adjectives, conjunctions and similes as well as taking part in lots of experience days! After this we will be writing our own Diary entries based around the book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphynx' which also links to our history topic.

Computing

In computing this term year 3 will be developing their understanding of digital devices focusing on inputs, processes, and outputs. We will start by comparing digital and non-digital devices and then explore computer networks that include devices like routers and switches!

In year 4 the children will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks and will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet. They will also be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves to learn about who owns content and what they can access, add and create.

Art/DT

In art this term the children will be building upon their prior knowledge of shading and will be experiment with several pencil tones when shading to create a simple 3D effect. The children will explore the effect of holding a pencil in different ways and applying different pressures and then work collaboratively to develop their drawings into prints.

Maths

In maths this term, both year groups will be developing their place value knowledge with Year 3 learning about hundreds, tens and ones and Year 4 expanding that knowledge to learn about thousands. Both year groups will also be using their number bond knowledge to add and subtract 3-digit (Year 3) and 4-digit (Year 4) numbers using the column method. Throughout these units the children will use number lines, base 10 equipment and place value grids to help their understanding of large numbers.

History

Term 1 and 2 will be looking at Ancient Egyptians. This is such an interesting topic and one which the children will really enjoy and gain so much knowledge about. We will learn to be historians and we want to work on historical enquiry too which will mean the children are questioning things themselves and answering questions. Our class story is linked to our topic as well as our English and we think the children are going to love this immersive topic. We can't wait to teach it.

RE

In Religious Education, the children will be thinking about and reflecting upon Hinduism in the community. They will discuss how a Hindu's belief is expressed collectively, learning about the Hindu places of worship, a Mandir and at home. The children will also learn through discussion about the Hindu festivals of Diwali and Raksha Bandhan.

Music

In music, improvisation of melodies with a set of five notes will be studied by the children and this will help them describe a piece of orchestral music.

They will focus on composition and sing in two-part harmony and they will be taught to understand how music can be organised in sequences and layers, using performance poetry to follow rhythmic structure and a steady beat.



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Science

In term 1, the children in the year 3-4 classes will be learning all about skeletons. They will learn that not all skeletons are internal and how some groups of animals have exoskeletons. They will be studying the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and learning how muscles work in pairs.

During the first term we will also look at how rocks are formed and learn how different types of rock are suitable for different uses.

Whilst studying these topics, the children in year 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to carry out investigations and gather and interpret the results of those investigations.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at computer safety giving children the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the negative and positive aspect of using computers and being online. The children will also have the opportunity to create their own documents on computer safety.

Home Learning

Reading, reading and more reading. Reading at home is essential to your child's reading development and fluency.

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and sign their reading diary. For each 25, 50, 75 and 100 reads your child will receive a bookmark. For 150 reads your child will receive a book of their choice.

Spellings are also given out weekly and we would really appreciate you supporting your child in learning these in smaller chunks as this repetition will allow the words to become part of your child's long-term memory.

Cramming their spellings the night before may work reasonably well for the test but those words will not remain in your child's memory and will therefore have been a waste of time. 5 minutes every night would be really beneficial and we will teach the children how to learn them independently so they can do this activity without any support.

In Year 3 and 4, quick recall of our number facts really helps our learning. You can help your child by encouraging them to practice their number bonds to 10 and 20 and their times tables. Links to online games to support this are on the Seathorne Primary Academy website – click on 'Parents' and then click on 'Supporting your child'.

PE

The children will be learning invasion games and the techniques and skills used. The children will learn how to pass, receive, and travel with the ball using a variety of balls and techniques. They will develop their understanding of the principles of attacking and defending in invasion games and learn skills such as marking and dodging.

MfL - Spanish

During the Autumn term, children will learn greetings, vowels, numbers and the names of common objects found in school and at home. This will enable them to have basic conversations with their peers. Lessons will aim to be immersive through verbal questioning in Spanish, written exercises and games. Towards the end of the half term, children will enjoy a range of activities surrounding Halloween. There will be opportunity to combine their DT skills with Spanish to create some fantastic Halloween cards. These will include the names of some ghouls, ghosts and monsters!