

What are we learning this term in Year 3?

English

Reading: Our Reading Spine book is *The Firework- Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. We will enjoy this together as a class.

Our Guided Reading lessons are based on *The Sandman and the Turtles* by Michael Morpurgo.

Writing: Non-chronological reports, persuasive writing and explanations, narratives and poetry - all linked to our topic of the Amazon Rainforest.

Maths

In addition to continuing to consolidate our understanding of the 4 operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – we will use this knowledge to explore the new topics of fractions, money and time. It would be really useful to support at home by spotting practical “everyday” use of these topics e.g. telling the time, wearing a watch, spending cash and working out change.

Science

Light: Our Big Question is *How can light rays be changed?*
We will be investigating ideas such as:
What is darkness? What is reflection?
Can the sun harm us? What is a shadow?

Computing

Creating media: We will be learning how to create a range of digital effects. We will use digital devices to record video and take photos and then experiment with different editing methods.

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Value: Collaboration

P.E. is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Correct PE kit should be worn on these days. No earrings please, and long hair should be tied back.

Homework / Home Learning:

- Daily 15 minutes reading (recorded in Pupil Planners)
- TTRS Rockstars

My Happy Mind Module

- ENGAGE – setting goals for ourselves

Knowledge Organiser Quizzes

Look out for emails each week with details of our Knowledge Organiser quizzes. These checks take place each Wednesday and it is really useful to revise for them!

Religious Education

Sikhism: We will learn about who founded Sikhism and where this happened. We will explore the main beliefs, special places, special festivals, the Holy Book and symbols and their meanings.

Physical Education

Summer Sports: We will be learning the batting, fielding and strategic skills needed to participate in a game of rounders. We will also explore a range of athletic events, including running, jumping and throwing.

Geography

The Amazing Amazon: Our Big Question is *How has the Amazon Rainforest changed over time?*

We will find out where the world's rainforests are and what life is like there. We will learn about why the rainforests need protection and how we can all help.

Art/Design Technology

Natural Art: We will explore botanical drawings and outdoor pattern making, specifically looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Goldsworthy. Our trip to *The World Outside* at Bodenheim Arboretum will support this work.

Music

Tuned percussion: During our Charanga Music lessons, we will be learning to listen to and perform *the Friendship Song*. We will be using the glockenspiels to perform the song as well as singing it.

PSHE

Relationships - Changing me: We will explore how to make friends and how to maintain healthy friendships. We will talk about how to show respect in how we treat other people and how to help people (including ourselves) when they feel upset or hurt.

MfL - French

Animals: We will be learning the French words for different animals and how to express whether we have or have not got a pet. We will learn how to explain how old our pet is and what our pet's name is.