

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Class: Elm - Year 2 and 3 Miss George

Termly Overview Autumn 2019

Theme: Europe including London



English

This term in English we will be writing for a range of purposes and reading a range of beautiful books. We will start of the autumn term by reading some fantastic books including 'Meerkat Mail' so that we can write a book based on a voyage-and-return plot pattern. We will be writing for a range of audiences from the point of view of different characters. Throughout the term we will write poetry, information texts and stories about exciting discoveries. We use of our topic of 'The Great Fire of London' to write a chronological sequence of reports on an historic event. Throughout all English lessons there will be a key focus on grammatical awareness, sentence construction and punctuation. There will be a big focus on spellings with spellings being taught not only in English lessons but guided reading, specific spelling sessions and afternoon lessons such as topic. Spellings will be sent home as part of the weekly homework linking to the statutory spelling rules and word lists outlined in 'The 2014 National Curriculum'. Cursive handwriting will also continue to be taught.

Maths

In daily maths lessons we will develop number recognition skills by counting and working with numbers. We will have a key focus on number and place value with Year 2 focusing on numbers to 100 whilst Year 3 work to 1,000. We will continue to use a range of concrete and pictorial representations to support understanding. Year 2 will focus on numbers bonds to 20 and 100 and year 3 will also recap this learning learning as it will support their mental addition and subtraction throughout the rest of the term. We will then use our knowledge of place value and solve addition and subtraction problems including money. Year 2 will apply their addition and subtraction skills by comparing number sentences whilst Year 3 move onto estimating and checking answers to improve their accuracy in calculating. We will end the term on multiplication. We will explore multiplication through counting in multiples counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Year 2 will focus on representing multiplication and clearly seeing the link with repeated addition. They will look at the 2, 5 and 10 times-tables. Year 3 will build on their Year 2 understanding and look at the 3, 4, and 8 times-tables as well as recapping previous learning. Year 3 will move onto using base 10 and place value counters to explore formal multiplication and the use of written column multiplication method.

Science

We will focus on the topic of 'Animals and humans', learning that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will be finding out about and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). We will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. We will identify that animals, including humans, cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

Topic - Europe

As part of our topic we will learn about the amazing physical and human geography of Modern Europe. We will create a map of Europe and personalise a passport recording achievements. We will investigate key European physical features and then research a European capital city and examine the weather from each of Europe's climate zones. We will then compare and contrast it to our own capital city, London. We will also learn about the history that has shaped the city of London and the lasting impact of the Fire of London from 1666.

Art

In art this term we will be focusing on famous buildings. We will find out about the role of an architect, before exploring a range of famous buildings from around the world. We will discuss which buildings we think looks best and why, and think about why opinions may differ. We will be using our sketch books to review and revisit ideas and improve our mastery of art and design techniques by drawing with a range of materials. We will be learning about great architects in history linking with our work on the Great Fire of London in topic.

D & T

As part of design and technology this term we will develop and use our knowledge of, and skills in, a variety of sewing techniques for joining and decorating fabric in order to design and make our own product. We will research and evaluate a range of existing products and generate our own ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and views of others.

P.E

We will start off our P.E sessions by focusing on key skills. We will be looking at mastering basic movements such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. We will begin to apply these in a range of activities. P.E will be on a Tuesday morning with Mr Shaun Braddock-Bould from TNS and on a Friday afternoon with me. Please could you ensure that your child brings in their P.E Kit on Monday morning and that it stays in school until Friday. P.E kit consists of plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and in the colder weather a track suit or leggings and footwear (pumps or trainers).

R.E

In RE we will be thinking about how people express their beliefs through worship and celebration, particularly focusing on how communities mark special times in life. Later on in the term we will begin to explore why Christmas matters to Christians and traditions associated with this time of year.

French

Year 3 will begin to learn basic phrases in the French language with Miss Davies. In French Year 3 will be developing their knowledge of words and building on basic greetings, numbers and other vocabulary to develop a conversation. Year 3 will also develop an understanding of where France is in relation to our country and be able to name some of the popular monuments we know and love.

Music

Year 2 children will have music with me. In the autumn term we will be focusing on loud and quiet sounds, learning dynamic markings for loud and quiet. As the autumn term progresses we will focus on singing and adding music to the Christmas performance.

Year 3 children will have the exciting opportunity to learn how to play a range of musical instruments with the Music Heroes Company. Gayle Kinsey will be running the session with support of James Hickman who specialises in playing the guitar. In the lessons the pupils will develop their understanding of notes and reading pieces of music. Pupils will be provided with the opportunity to listen and understand live and recorded music.

ICT

In ICT we will be using the iPads to program. This unit of work will extend our understanding of algorithms and programming using a game - based learning app. Using a simple drag and drop interface, we will learn computer programming by making animated characters move along mazes collecting coins and unlocking new characters. It will extend our prior understanding of programming with logic, sequencing and repetition and introduces using conditions and functions within computer programs.

Homework

The homework tasks will link to our work in English and maths. These will be given out and explained to the children on a Thursday. It should be handed in on a Wednesday, into the 'Homework' tray in the classroom. Tasks also include daily reading, spellings and times tables practise. There will also be a termly project which will be based on our topic.