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What we have been up to:

In Year 3 we have been...

practising our chopping skills by making Japanese fruit kebabs.



Curriculum:

English

To begin with this term children will be using the poem 'Volcano' by Justin Coe to learn how to perform poems to an audience. We will be writing poems using different techniques including the use of metaphors, personification and kennings. Later in the term we will move onto the book 'Escape from Pompeii' and using this to write a newspaper report.

In our whole class reading lessons we are looking at the books 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey and 'The Dragon's Hoard-The Swan Warrior' by Lori Don.

How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to practise their spellings, focusing on their handwriting as well as the meanings of the words.

Look at different poems and perform them together.

Maths

In Maths this half term, the pupils will be working through Number and Place Value. They will use a variety of different representations and methods to secure their understanding of number. After this, they will move onto addition and subtraction. Pupils should continue to practice TTRS at home regularly to help them with their times tables.

How can I help at home?

Please encourage your child to work on Numbots. We would love to have more children completing their Diamond level! You will see a range of different number representations on here, all of which we also use in class.

Science

In Science this half term we will be comparing and grouping rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. We will be studying fossils and learn how they are formed. Then we will be investigating different types of soils and the components found in them.



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Curriculum:

Personal Development

Our unit in Personal Development this term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be thinking about a nightmare school and what makes a good school.

Geography

We begin the year with the theme of 'Volcanoes'. We will learn about plate tectonics and why volcanoes occur, where in the world we might find volcanoes and specific volcanoes. We will then move onto the structure of volcanoes and different kinds of eruptions and finish by creating an informative text.

PE

This half term a ball skills unit of work will be taught by specialist PE teachers from Secondary.

In our Fundamentals lessons will be looking at core skills such as balance work and changing speeds-skills that support the body to be fit and active.

RE

Our RE unit at the start of this year is 'Where, how and why people worship.' We will focus in Islam, Judaism and Christianity, looking at them individually and then drawing comparisons.

Curriculum:

Performing Arts

In Year 3 pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation. Pupils will have two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. In drama with Mr Skeel, Sharks are learning to perform living history through drama refining their characterisation skills. Turtles class with Miss Green are currently learning to play and perform the Glockenspiel, following musical scores. Orcas with Mr Serino are singing a variety of songs.

French

This half term pupils will learn French vowel sounds as part of our phonics programme. Pupils will also learn how to say their name, how they are, their age and count up to ten. They will have a short conversation in French. The children will also sing songs and play games in French.

DT

In DT this half term our unit is 'Eating Seasonally.' We have made Japanese Fruit kebabs, practising our chopping skills and looking at where in the world our different fruits and vegetables come from. We will soon be looking at making fruit crumbles and fruit tarts.

Computing

In Computing this half term we will be starting with e-safety and learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also be checking we know how to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October