

Art and Design

In Design lessons, the children will be looking at the fantastic inventions that have come out of America. We will be researching how they were made and why they are useful as well as having a go at making a few ourselves.

You can support your child by investigating inventions and seeing if you use any of them in your own house.

French

In French the children will continue to build up their vocabulary and learn useful phrases such as greetings and introducing themselves.

You can support your child by encouraging them to practise their French with you at home.

Maths

We will be reviewing some of our knowledge from last term in maths, spending a few weeks looking at addition and subtraction and place value. We will also move on to looking at time.

Our Times table this term is the 4 times table and we will be doing daily practice on this. The children will also continue with their mental magicians work and learn to look at multiplication in different ways.

You can support your child by:

- **Encouraging them to use time as much as possible at home and become familiar with clocks e.g. Tell them a time for dinner, or give them a set time to do homework, etc.**
- **Make sure they use TTRS to practise their times tables.**
- **Keep up with the maths homework every week.**

Music

This half term Year 3 will be beginning their recorder lessons, moving on to learning three new notes. They will also be developing their music appreciation by listening to a variety of American artists and understanding the skills required to compose music.

PSHCE

We will be continuing with the JIGSAW scheme of work. This half term the children will be focussing on Dreams and Goals. They will be setting their own goals, and looking at their aspirations for themselves and the world.

USA

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Geography

Our study topic is our class country, USA

The children will be looking at how the UK and USA are similar and different in both physical and human features. We will be focusing as a class on Washington State with a virtual visit from the Volunteer Fire Chief in Palouse, WA.

You can support your child by researching facts about the United States.

Guided Reading

Within Guided Reading, children will be reading a wide range of texts and the main focus of these sessions will be drawing inferences. Children will be continuing to develop their skills of inference, retrieval, prediction and vocabulary, and will be challenged to justify answers with evidence from the text. Summarising information from a text will also be a focus during guided reading lessons. To further develop all of these skills we will be practising reading paper questions in lessons.

Writing

Writing this half term will be linked to the children's learning about the USA. First, they will become tourists and write their own page for a class holiday brochure about the country. This will allow them to compare parts of the country including cities and discussing famous landmarks. Next, using the book *Cinnamon*, the children will use their senses to write their own narrative; describing what they can see, hear, feel, touch and taste. The story will be based in Italy and will provide the children with a range of exciting vocabulary to help them describe their settings. Their final pieces will be edited and published into a class book. The final writing journey will require the children to create a script for an advert for the product they are creating in Design lessons. The children will learn the key features of a script and how to use language to persuade.

PE

Our indoor PE for this half term is Gymnastics. The children will learn how to move across a piece of equipment safely and consider the shapes they can make with their body whilst doing so. We will be using a range of equipment to practice floor work and apparatus routines. They will also be continuing with swimming.

Computing

This half term the children will be using Microsoft Outlook to introduce emailing. This will include sending/receiving, attachments, fake emails and online etiquette.

Science

Light: Year 3 will recognise they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will also learn about the reflection of light and how to protect their eyes when working with light. They will also learn about shadows and how they change shape and size.

RE

This half term Year 3 will be learning about Islam. They will learn about Prophethood and understand why Muslims call Muhammed the 'Seal of the Prophets'.