

Lent Term Curriculum Overview



English

In English, we will be using the picture book 'The Whale' to help us write a narrative, which links to our new topic this term. Our stories will include lots of powerful synonyms, relative clauses and expanded noun phrases to help us include interesting extra details. We will also have the opportunity to research what lives in our seas, through experience days!

We will then look at 'The True Story of Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka, where we will be looking at a twist on the traditional tale. The children will develop their technical language through a variety of different writing lenses.

Topic

Our next topic is called Blue Abyss! In geography we will be researching lots of information about the water cycle, rivers and oceans. We will find out about some extremely famous rivers and identify what opportunities they provide for people in different countries. The children will be able to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and identify rivers and oceans. Linking to our topic, we will also look at significant events such the Titanic, where we will discuss the causes and consequences and use this to develop our chronology understanding.

In art, the children will be creating beautiful, sea-life collages. These collages will be made up of a variety of different sea creatures that we will look at throughout the term. The sea creatures will highlight different toning techniques such as blending, stippling and contour-hatching, to name a few! In computing, we will work on our basic computer skills and begin to create some algorithms.

In French the children will be looking at pets and animals, as well as discussing family members. We will also continue learning different phrases and songs in sign language in music. As always in PSHE, we will continue to have a strong focus based around the 5 ways to wellbeing (connecting with others, keep learning, being active, noticing more, and giving.)

Year 3/4 - Lions

Science

In science this term, we will be looking at Animals, including humans and in particular we are going to look at our digestive system.

By the end of the Lent, pupils should be taught to:

- ✚ Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- ✚ Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- ✚ Compare the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and suggest reasons for differences; finding out what damages teeth and how to look after them.

PE

This term P.E lessons will be focused on table tennis and hockey. In table tennis, we will look at the forehand and backhand deliveries and in hockey the children will focus on developing their dribbling and passing skills. Please ensure children have a full P.E. kit, including hats and sun cream for the sunny days.

Maths

This term we will complete the final part of our fractions unit and then move onto statistics. We will focus on objectives such as:

- ✚ Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables (year 3).
- ✚ Solve one-step and two-step questions [for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables (year 3).
- ✚ Interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs (year 4).
- ✚ Solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs (year 4).

RE

During Lent, we will be looking at the Come and See topics Giving and Receiving and Self Discipline. Throughout these topics we will be discussing and reflecting the ideas of our two big questions. The big question for the Community topic is What's more important, giving or receiving? The big question for the Self Discipline topic is 'Is self discipline important in my life?' Using biblical scriptures, prayers, psalms and hymns, we will discuss and make links back to our big questions throughout the Lent term.

Homework

- ✓ Please listen to your child read as much as possible, we would expect our children to read to an adult every day. Evidence of the children reading to an adult, must be recorded in their diaries.
- ✓ Please support your child learning their weekly spellings.
- ✓ An English and maths task will be given out as homework every Friday, this will be due on Thursday's.
- ✓ All children should be accessing Times Table Rock Stars, where they can practise their times tables in a fun way on a computer or tablet. If your child does not know their TTRS login details, then don't hesitate to contact Miss Smith.