

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 3, Sarah Gilbert and Mary Somerville, Spring 1

## English

Our core text is 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' - a clever and funny retelling of the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will begin by writing our own narratives based on this story, where our characters will play lots of tricks on the nasty wolf!

Later in the half term, we have a theatre production coming to perform and do workshops based around this story, which will inspire our next writing units - a diary entry and persuasive letter.

## Mathematics

Our first unit is multiplication and division. Children will learn how to multiply numbers using the column method which requires fast recall of their multiplication facts. We will use concrete manipulatives to help us explore division - with exchanges and remainders.

In the final few weeks, we will study measurement, including measuring and comparing lengths and exploring perimeter.

## Science

In Science this half term, we are looking at what living things, including humans need in order to survive. We will be investigating the different food groups which make up a healthy balanced diet such as carbohydrates, protein and vitamins and why there are important. We will compare the diets and nutritional needs of different animals. We will then start to learn in more detail about the different parts of the human body and their role, answering questions such as 'why do we have a skeleton?' and 'what are the different organs in the body?'.

## Homework

It is essential that your child completes all homework set. This will include:

- Learning spellings provided each week (posted on Google Classrooms)
- Reading each night for 15 minutes
- Maths activity on Google Classrooms

# History

In our topic 'Ancient Egypt' will cover all the fascinating and sometimes gory features of their ancient civilisation. First, we will place it within historical context and in comparison to our wider historical knowledge. We will use practical activities and artefacts to explore life in Ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphics, mummification and Ancient Gods.

## Computing

In our topic 'Multimedia and Word Processing' we will be practicing the skills needed to make an eBook, with our learning culminating in an eBook linked to our literacy topic.

## Art

We are using a range of techniques to explore art in prehistorical times. This will include making paint, creating cave art and sketching wildlife.

## PE

We will be further developing our Invasion Games skills in netball. We will learn how to use a chest pass, basic attacking and defending skills and learn the rules of the game.

## RE

We will be learning about how and where Muslims and Jewish people pray and the similarities and differences between these two religions.

## Music

Our topic this half term is all about using our imaginations to compose original music. We will use glockenspiels to support this.

## Growth Mindset

We are continuing to implement our growth mindset stars in school. We will be looking for kindness, curiosity, grit and determination, optimism, teamwork and self-control.



## Class Blog

Visit our class blog to: read the latest news, look at photo slideshows and find out more about what we have been learning.

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