

Year 3: Autumn 1

Writing

In Writing, children will use *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister as a stimulus for their learning. They will explore descriptive language, character thoughts and feelings, dialogue and setting descriptions before writing their own fantasy narratives inspired by the magical world of the text.

Reading

This half term, children will develop their reading comprehension skills through our class text, *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Using the VIPERS approach, they will practise vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising skills whilst exploring the characters, themes and events within the story.

Science

In Science, children will learn about the characteristics of living things and how they can be grouped in different ways. They will use and create classification keys, explore living things in the local environment and consider how environmental changes can affect habitats and wildlife.

PSHE

Through the My Happy Mind programme, children will learn about the different parts of the brain and how they influence thoughts, feelings and behaviour. They will develop strategies to support their wellbeing and emotional regulation.

Computing

In Computing, children will be introduced to coding using Scratch. They will learn how to create simple animations, make predictions about code, remix existing projects and debug programs to improve how they work.

Maths

This half term, children will focus on place value within 1,000. They will learn to represent and partition 3-digit numbers, place numbers on number lines, compare and order numbers, and understand the value of each digit. Children will apply their understanding through reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Children will continue to recap and strengthen their recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, whilst beginning to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. They will practise counting, recalling multiplication facts and applying their knowledge to a range of mathematical problems.

History

This half term, children will explore life in the Stone Age. They will learn about the different periods of the Stone Age, how people survived as hunter-gatherers, why life changed over time and how historians use evidence to learn about the past.

PE

In PE, children will develop their gymnastics skills through balances, jumps and sequences. They will also learn the rules and tactics of dodgeball whilst improving their throwing, catching, movement and teamwork skills.