



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

Year 3 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview



Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on the books, 'James and the Giant Peach' and 'Leon and the Place Between'. Whilst studying the book we will write our own stories, look at characters, use the 'Thinking Hats' and look at different areas of grammar.

We will continue to look at the Y3 spelling rules and will use the 'Read Write Inc' scheme to help us with our spelling learning. The children need to ensure they are trying hard at home to learn their spellings.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on multiplication, division and fractions. We will continue to use lots of exciting investigations where we solve problems using our number knowledge. We will also use more of the bar model to help deepen and explain our understanding. It is a requirement that by the end of Year 3 the children know the times table and division facts for the three, four, six and eight times tables, so these tables will be our focus throughout the year.

Religious Education

In RE this half term we will continue the unit on the Trinity and look at how Christians see God as three in one.

We will then move on to learn about creation stories from different religions across the world.

The key questions we will think about are 'what do creation stories tell us about the world?' and 'what is the Trinity?'

Physical Education

This half term we will focus on balance and cognitive skills using the Real PE scheme. PE will be on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Both indoor and outdoor kit is needed every week.

Art

We will continue to develop our art skills when we look at painting. We will use different paint types and look at colour theory.

History

We will continue with a History topic this half term as we move on in time to learn about the Bronze Age and then the Romans.

Music

We will be using a unit called 'Glockenspiel' which will look at the history of music, pitch and rhythm. We will also use glockenspiels and other instruments in this unit.

Science

Rocks will be our topic. We will learn about different rock types, what they are used for and carry out investigations. We will also work on using graphs and presenting our findings.

French

As we continue to learn French, the children will be taught about traditional French celebrations and the vocabulary surrounding different events.

ICT

We will be presenters in ICT this half term! The children will make and present their own videos and use editing software.

Notices

It is very important the children try to get to school on time every day. They need to have their book bags and reading books everyday as some children are not completing enough quizzes. We also continue to encourage the children to read at home. Maths/Literacy homework will continue to be set **each Friday** and will be due in the **following Wednesday**.