



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

Year 3 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview

Key learning this half term

Literacy	Maths	Religious Education
This half term we will be continuing to read the text 'Alice in Wonderland'. Our grammar focus will be inverted commas. We will then move on to 'Leon and the Place Between'. We will read the text and will compare the text to other adventure stories we have previously read. We will also look again at dilemmas faced by key characters and expand our thinking by using more of the 'Thinking Hats'. We will also develop our reading skills (using VIPERS), story writing skills and extend our vocabulary. We will also continue to work on tense, paragraphs, inverted commas and adverbials as well as the other year 3 grammar objectives.	We will be investigating measure by looking at length and perimeter. We will complete practical activities to embed the children's learning as well as challenging them with many problem solving tasks. This will give them chance to apply their new skills and knowledge in different ways. We will also revisit types of lines as we look at angle. We will be able to recognise that angles are a property of a shape or a description of a turn. Towards the end of the term we will be revisiting the four operations with a focus on multiplication and division. The children will be continuing to use the concrete equipment to help their understanding before we move on to using more formal methods.	We will be investigating the question, 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?' This follows on from the learning we completed earlier in the spring term when we looked at the meaning of Good Friday in Christianity. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: these key ideas are behind Christian beliefs: • Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is King, not just in heaven but here and now • Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit, if they let him. • That after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God.

We are also studying:

Science	Geography	PSHE	Music	DT
We will be learning about plants. We will look at the parts of a plant and the functions, the life cycle of a plant. We will investigate how water is transported and also look at pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: Plants create their own food. Different parts of a plant have different functions. Plants have a unique life cycle.	This half term we will be learning about Great Britain. We will learn about UK rivers and mountains by looking at the longest river and the tallest mountain and how we can find these features in an atlas. We will learn how to measure the temperature and we will track the temperature over the lessons and see how it changes. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: The River Severn is the longest river in the UK. Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in the UK. Thermometers record temperature in Celsius.	We will look at the jigsaw piece, 'Healthy Me'. We think about how we can be healthy in all aspects of our lives. We will think about how we can be healthy on the inside and outside. PUPILS WILL KNOW: What a healthy diet is. How to eat healthy. That sleep is important. Why physical exercise is important.	This half term we will be learning the song Three Little Birds and looking at the music genre of reggae. We will learn how to play the glockenspiels and begin to improvise and compose music. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: Reggae is a style of music. Music has a beat and a rhythm. Glockenspiels have different notes. Notes can have different lengths.	We will be looking at cooking, healthy eating and nutrition. At the end of DT week, we will show that we can understand and apply the principles of a healthy diet. We will also be able to explain what a varied diet is. We will also design, prepare and cook simple savoury dishes using some cooking techniques. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: They need a healthy balanced diet They need to be hygienic when cooking They can use basic cooking skills including using a knife safely.
PE	ICT	British Values	Christian Value	Key vocabulary
We will be using our creative skills. We will continue to develop movements and create sequences/ performances in a group to show what skills we have developed. We will also think of ways to change tactics and rules to make games or tasks more exciting or challenging. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: They can send and receive a ball confidently. They can apply these skills confidently at a level that is appropriate to them. There are different ways to send and receive a ball.	In ICT the children will be communicators. They will think about how we use the internet to communicate with others and how we can do this safely. PUPILS WILL KNOW: How email works. How to create a presentation, email it, edit and present it.	During whole school worship, we will be focusing on the Rule of Law. We will look at the importance of rules and the importance of the law. We will also learn about the justice system and fairness.	Our Christian value for this half term is Respect. We will be exploring bible verses which cover the theme of respect. We will think about how we can show respect to our friends, our classmates and adults.	Your child will be learning these key words over the next half term: Celsius Thermometer Reggae Perimeter Measure Right angle Vertical Horizontal Parallel Perpendicular Penetcost Life cycle Seed dispersal Pollination