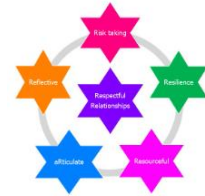




Year 3 Curriculum Update Spring 2026



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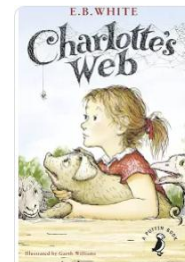
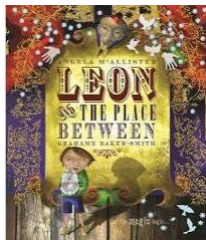
Themes

Our themes this term are 'Choctastic' based on the Maya civilisation and then 'Roll up, Roll up' based on our book – Leon and the place between.

English

The children will have daily English lessons in addition to their reading sessions. In these lessons the children will learn about non-chronological report writing, story writing and letters of complaint. They will also have a set of spellings, following a particular spelling pattern, to learn and practise using in their own sentences. Handwriting fluency is also important this term as the children continue to develop their writing accuracy and stamina. More information about how English is taught can be found in the curriculum section of the school website.

Guided reading and class novels

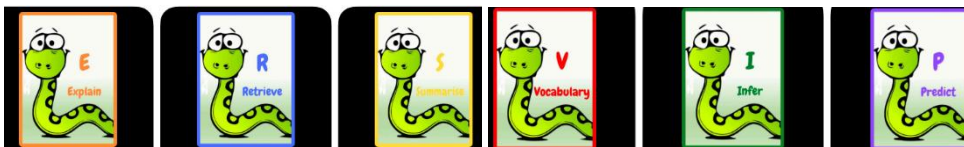


This term the children will be reading *Chocolate* by Vivien French, *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister and *Charlotte's Web* by E B White.

The children will have four sessions of guided reading a week. One of these will be linked to these class novels and three will be based on a linked text. The children will explore different question types and explore why authors choose particular words in their stories and texts.

The children will also have opportunities to read aloud to the class, both as individuals, in a small group and as a whole class.

Our question VIPERS



Mathematics

The children will have a daily maths lesson with their class teacher. The focus for the Spring term is primarily on developing the children's knowledge and understanding of multiplication, division and fractions. Each lesson includes practical learning, encouraging the children to develop a range of strategies to solve problems and apply these skills in different situations. They will also continue to develop their confidence with their times tables.

The children will have ten minutes of times tables practise each day focussing on fluency and recall. More information can be found by looking at our calculation policy on the school website. We will continue to consolidate our 2s 5s 10s times tables and practise our 3s and 4s.

Science

In the first half term the children will learn about green plants, what helps them to grow and conduct an investigation to find the ideal growing conditions for cress seeds to germinate. They will also dissect a flower and identify the different parts within it.

During the second half term, the children will learn about 'Light' and use data loggers to investigate how reflective different materials are.

History/Geography

Our first topic will be studying the legacy of the Ancient Maya people, their belief system and the evidence that they left behind.

In our geography lessons we will be looking at the human and physical features of North and South America.

Design Technology & Art

During the first half term the children will design and make a box, with clear lid, to protect a chocolate treat. This DT project will include making and testing different prototype designs before making a final decision.

For the second half term the children will study the work of Henri Matisse and use his collages as inspiration for their own designs. This will also involve some textile work and sewing on of buttons.

Music

The focus this term will be on RnB/gospel songs with a performance planned for the end of half-term (keep a lookout on Seesaw as we will try to share it with you.) The children will be learning to sing in two parts, use simple sign language and play the glockenspiel. They will also have a weekly singing assembly.

PE

The children will have two PE lessons per week. These lessons will either be taught by our PE coaches Mrs Joubert/Mr Moss or by the class teacher. In the first half of the Spring term the focus will be on hockey and in the second half of the term will be football.

Swimming will also take place on alternate Fridays afternoons at our local pool – Lord Butler. The children will also have a weekly lesson in the hall on gymnastic skills.

PSHE

In these weekly lessons the children will learn about financial capability and 'friends and family'. We will also regularly refer to the 'Zones of regulation' as a way of explaining how we are feeling.



French

The children will have a weekly French lesson taught by their class teacher. They will continue to practice simple greetings and counting in French. They will also learn about musical instruments and activities and actions.

Religious Education

During these sessions, the children will firstly look at a philosophy unit and learn about how people make moral decisions. During the second half term they will learn about the faith of Islam and what Muslim people believe about God.

Computing

The children will have a block of lessons using the school laptops and i-pads learning about coding. They will also explore simple desktop publishing skills and produce their own invitations combining text and images.

Supporting your child's learning

In order to support your child's learning there are a range of things you can do at home, making it fun and relevant for them.

- Read with and to your child regularly – whilst we believe it is important for the children to practising reading aloud to an adult daily, they also need to listen to good quality books being read to them as an opportunity to be exposed to texts that are currently beyond their own reading capability. The children are welcome to bring and share a book during our 'Fun reading Friday' sessions.
- Encourage your child to engage with the activities, and work towards, their bookworm challenges. (details can be found on seesaw)
- Regularly log into spelling shed and practise a range of the games.
- Practise times tables using TT rockstars or 'Hit the Button'. Initially focus on x5 x10 and then onto x2x4x8 this really helps the children to see the links between the sets of numbers in these groups.
- Engage your children to discussions about topical issues the world around them. There are specially produced newspapers for children as well as TV programmes such as 'Newsround' and Blue Peter.
- Visit our wonderful Saffron Walden town museum.