

Year 3 Curriculum Update Autumn Term 2024

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Themes

Our theme this term is 'Traders and Raiders'. We begin this exciting topic by visiting the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow. This history-based theme takes the children through the history of Britain after the Roman occupation and up until the battle of Hastings.

English

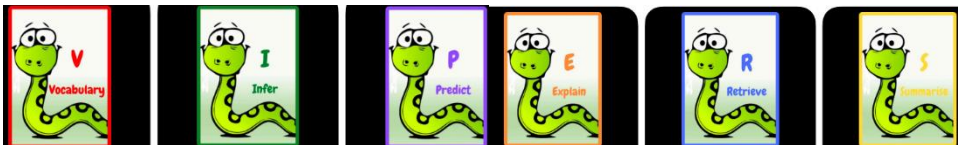
The children will have daily English lessons in addition to their reading sessions. In these lessons the children will learn about story writing, organising instructions and recounts. Lessons will be linked together to build up to a piece of writing that demonstrates their understanding of sentence structures and organisational features of that particular text type. Many of these lessons will be linked to mythical creatures, such as dragons, to help inspire the children. 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

Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine and Anisha Accidental Detective by Serena Patel are the two books that the children will read over this term as a whole class.

The children will have four sessions of guided reading a week. Two of these will be linked to these class novels and two 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 Autumn term is primarily on developing the children's knowledge and understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. 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. We will be practising our 3x tables initially and associated division facts. 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 then move on to our x4 times tables.

Science

In Science this term the children will have a block of lessons about 'Rocks and Soils'. They will learn how rocks and soils compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. They will also plan and carry out an experiment investigating the permeability of different types of rocks.

History/Geography

A majority of this term's learning is based on History learning. The children will begin by learning about the Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life. They will also learn about Anglo-Saxon art and culture and faith. They will investigate the mysterious ship burial at Sutton Hoo and look at the evidence related to who may have been buried there.

After half term they will then move on to finding out about the Viking raids and invasion. They will then find out about the resistance of Alfred the Great and Athelstan, the further Viking invasions and Danelaw. Linked to this learning will be some geography work looking at the historic reasons for invasion and settlement, the routes taken by the invaders and plotting these on a map.

Design Technology & Art

The children will have two blocks of six lessons in art this term. During the first set of lessons, the focus will be on drawing and sketching skills. They will learn about the life and work of David Hockney and paint their own paintings in his style. During the second block they will learn about the sculpture Henry Moore. They will make clay models and maquettes and then plan and design their own modroc figures.

Music

The children will have a weekly music lesson either with their class teacher or Mrs Ginette Brown. The focus for this term will be on learning to play the glockenspiel alongside reading musical notation. The children will build up their ability to read and play a series of notes, whilst also learning the difference between minims, crotchets and quavers. In addition to this they will also have a weekly singing assembly as the whole Key Stage 2.

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 Autumn term the focus will be on netball and in the second half of the term hockey.





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. The focus for the first half term will be on balances and floor work. The second half term will focus on balls skills both in the gym and outside. The children will learn about ball control and transferring their weight from one foot to the other.

PSHE

In these weekly lessons we will learning about ways to talk about and manage our emotions. Following on from this the children will learn about anti-bullying and internet safety.

We will also regularly refer to the 'Zones of regulation' as a way of explaining how we are feeling.

The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

French

The children will have a weekly French lesson taught by their class teacher. They will explore vowel sounds, greetings, numbers and colours.

Religious Education

During these sessions, the children will look at how people express their commitment to their religion through different rites of passage. They will particularly look at baptism, confirmation, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs and the importance of Amrit to people who follow the Sikh faith.

After half term, the children will then explore the concept of the Holy Trinity within the Christian faith. All these lessons encourage the children to explore the beliefs of many different faiths and consider respectfully the things that followers of these religions see as the cornerstones of their ideology.

Computing

The children will have a block of lessons using the school laptops. They will explore how networks are made and begin to understand how networks can be used to retrieve and share information. The children will also use laptops or i-pads in other lessons for topic research, support their maths learning through mathematical games and to present their learning using word processing. They will also have a series of lessons about e-safety after their 2 Johns workshop.

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 x3 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 to find out more about settlements in and around the town from the times of the Anglo- Saxons and Vikings. The museum also has a very interesting selections of rocks and fossils to look at.

- Visit the Henry Moore Foundation in nearby Much Hadham. It really is a fabulous place and would give the children the opportunity to see the statues in their full size – many of them are truly huge!