



Year 3 Spring Term 2 2020

English

This half term, children will link their writing to our Mediterranean topic. Children will begin this half term by writing and recording speeches inspired by Swedish teenage activist, Greta Thunberg, before writing persuasive letters to encourage others to reduce their carbon footprint. Children will then begin to explore the world's plastic crisis which has been well-publicised by Sir David Attenborough. Children will then plan, write and publish newspaper articles linked to this topic.

Children will continue to apply the grammar objectives taught this academic year.



Maths

This half term, we will begin by recapping the expanded method for multiplication and the chunking method using a number line method for division.

Grid Multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 12 \\ 80 \\ \hline 92 \end{array}$$

division by chunking on a number line

$$96 \div 4 = 24$$

How many lots of 4 altogether?
 $10 + 10 + 4 = 24$

$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
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$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4}$$

Children will continue to learn about the relationship between decimals and fractions. The children will find fractions of amounts, find equivalent fractions, and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Children develop their money skills by understanding the value of different coins and notes, converting between pounds and pence, and adding and subtracting money.

$$\begin{array}{r} \pounds 25.25 \\ + \pounds 12.18 \\ \hline \pounds \end{array}$$

Key Vocabulary:

Mediterranean
equator
Antarctic circle
Arctic circle
renewable
non-renewable
latitude

longitude
Climate zones
fossil fuels
arable
pastoral
source
tributaries
mouth
erosion
cave

meanders
sea
ocean

Topic

Children will begin the half-term by exploring three UK locations before exploring, and then comparing, four Mediterranean locations so that they can answer the questions, 'Why do so many people go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?'. Our topic lessons will link with our writing and design technology lessons.



Design Technology

This half term, in Design Technology sessions, children will be sampling pizzas, planning and designing their own pizzas before making and evaluating them to improve them further.



Music

- Les Taupes will continue to explore beat and pulse, musical vocabulary and different rhythms.
- Les Herrisons will continue Samba drumming lessons.
- Les Canards will continue to learn the Ukulele.



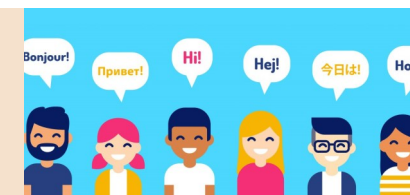
Sports

For those children not attending the weekly swimming lessons on a Tuesday, they will be developing their Tag Rugby skills and learning how to play Tri-Golf. Children will also be completing activities such as the daily mile and skipping (they will require warm clothing and daily trainers).



Languages

This term, children will focus on improving their listening and speaking skills. Children will spend their weekly language session practising and rehearsing new words and phrases. This will enable the children to engage in a conversation in Spanish and practise words and phrases that they wish to improve upon. Children will record notes in their Spanish books and refer to these when they need to.





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Weekly diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading diaries to be handed in with four reading and four maths activities recorded. PE kit in school.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE in the morning. Class library session—children to bring in their reading book to return.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home learning to be handed in.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spellings set. New home learning handed out.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kit to go home. Spelling quiz.

Key dates this half-term

Wednesday 4th March	Read Aloud Day (please ensure your child has their reading diary in school!)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—dress up!
Friday 6th March— 2.30pm	Miss Hicks' Show and Share Assembly
Wednesday 11th March—8.30 am	Parent breakfast An opportunity for you to drop in and see the progress your child has been making.
Friday 13th March— 2.30pm	Miss Bettermann's Show and Share Assembly
Friday 20th March— 2.30pm	Mrs Andrews' Show and Share Assembly

News

Home learning will be handed out on a Thursday and returned on a Wednesday. Home learning will focus on reading comprehension skills and handwriting. The expectation is that all year 3 pupils will complete their home learning. Homework club is available for year 3 on Mondays from 3-4. Year 3 class teachers will be hosting a lunchtime homework club on Mondays (Miss Bettermann), Tuesdays (Miss Hicks) and Wednesdays (Mrs Andrews) for those children who are unable to complete their home learning at home.

Year 3 are focussing on joining their handwriting this term. Handwriting tasks will be set as weekly home learning but please encourage your child to always write in the *cursive style*.

The weather is remaining colder for a little longer, your child will need a coat in school as well as a warm PE kit for outdoor lessons. If your child would like to wear wellies in the playground, they are welcome to keep them in school (please ensure they are named).

