




<p><b>English:</b></p> <p>In English, we will be starting off the term with story writing skills; we will immerse ourselves in a range of short traditional tales from 'The Lion and the Unicorn' anthology. We will then focus on our role in the environment, researching and writing non-chronological reports on a focus in the environment. As we approach Christmas, we will study a range of poetry drawing out responses from the children, unpicking the language and encouraging 'performance' in small groups.</p> <p>We will have daily active reading sessions, where the children will immerse themselves into an extract of text and focus on unpicking the language in order to then answer a range of comprehension questions both orally and then in writing.</p> <p>There will be discrete daily spelling sessions focusing on teaching and applying a spelling rule. We will also recap, revise and teach the Year 1 and 2 high frequency words and continue to look at the Year 3 and 4 common exception words.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b></p> <p>We will focus on a variety of mathematical concepts, including column subtraction; multiplication, measurements and focusing on our 4 times tables.</p> <p>Daily Maths Skills will take place and there will be weekly mental arithmetic and multiplication tests. Reasoning questions will underpin all of our maths to challenge and extend.</p>	<p><b>Topic: (Geography, Computing, Art):</b></p> <p>Our topic this term is The World We Live In. This will focus on understanding where we are in the UK and wider world, looking different world climates and contrasting our location to a contrasting location.</p> <p>In Computing we will continue to expand the children's knowledge on internet safety. The children will continue to use 'Purple Mash'; focusing on improving their touch typing skills.</p> <p>In Art we are learning about Katsushuki Hokusai and his painting The Big Wave. The children will be using different techniques and media to create the image, focusing on layering, different brush techniques and printing.</p> <p><b>Science, Music and PE:</b></p> <p>In science, our focus will be forces and magnets. The children will conduct practical investigations, which ensure they are 'working scientifically'.</p> <p>In music, the children are learning to play music involving body percussion and boomwhackers. The lessons will encompass reading simple scores, identifying the beat and rhythm as well as trying to play simple melodies as a group.</p> <p>In PE, the children will learn cricket skills and play simple cricket games. We will also be learning curling and boccia.</p> <p><b>PSHE, RE and French:</b></p> <p>In PSHE we will begin by thinking about 'anti-bullying' in readiness for our whole school focus on 'Friendship week'. Later in the term, we will be learning about recognising, expressing and managing our emotions.</p> <p>In RE, the children will learn about Hindus and their beliefs. Each RE lesson will also begin with a 'mind fitness' starter to give them practical strategies on breathing to calm down, managing 'feeling fizzy' and brain gym activities.</p> <p>The children will continue to learn French. They will learn school related vocabulary; such as objects around the classroom, different places within the school and understanding instructions.</p>	<p><b>In general:</b></p> <p>Please remember to ensure children have their <b>contact books and reading diaries</b> with them <u>every day</u>, along with a <b>water bottle</b>.</p> <p><b>English &amp; maths homework</b> will be <b>set every Friday</b> and is <b>due back</b> the following <b>Tuesday</b>. This will be put into the green folders, which have a plastic wallet at the back of the file containing some handy help sheets!</p> <p>Please remember to <b>read daily</b> with your child and record their read in their contact book.</p> <p>Regular <b>number skills</b> practise is a great way to support your child. Ensure they know number bond facts to 10, 20, 50, 100 etc., doubling and halving facts and multiplication facts.</p> <p>Please check the <b>school newsletter</b> and <b>homework diaries</b> regularly for any extra information. Feel free to use the contact book or <a href="mailto:WH@new-ash.kent.sch.uk">WH@new-ash.kent.sch.uk</a> to send in messages from home.</p> <p>Many thanks, The Year 3 Team B4: Mrs Raymond, Mrs Bassett and Mrs Gallimore B3: Mr Nurdin and Mrs Wills</p> 
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