



Year 3 Unit One Curriculum Map



Maths

We will be building on our place value knowledge, including representing and partitioning numbers up to 1,000. We will learn to become fluent and efficient in addition and subtraction, including the use of formal written methods and mental methods.

Vocabulary: comparing, ordering, accuracy, addition, subtraction, integer, representation, partition, estimation, sum, addend, subtrahend.

Writing

We will use Journey by Aaron Becker as a stimulus for writing imaginative narratives. The children will have opportunities to write a range of genres, including a persuasive letter, a character description, a poem inspired by Space Week and a diary entry. Our writing will be based on Billy and the Minpins by Roald Dahl and Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura,

Vocabulary: stanza, rhyme, fronted adverbial, noun phrase, rhetorical question, first person, repetition, compound sentence.

Reading

We will be learning to develop our reading skills across different text types, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will develop our oracy skills through classroom-based discussion. We will build on and develop our inference, retrieval, prediction, language understanding and summarising skills.

Vocabulary: retrieval, inference, predict, summarise, decoding, fluency, structure, root word, prefix, suffix.

Science Rocks and Soils

We will be learning about the 3 different types of rock: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic, plus human made rocks. In addition, we will learn about soils and what it is made up of.

We will also explore Space as part of Space Week 2025.

Vocabulary: fossil, fossilisation, sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic, sediment, permeable, impermeable, durable, minerals, texture

History

The Stone Age: What Was New About the Stone Age?

We will be learning about the Stone Age, the period of history before written records began. We will be examining some of the greatest achievements of these people, such as Stonehenge and Skara Brae.

Vocabulary: prehistory, archaeology, quarry, flint, hunter gatherer, forage, settlement, microlith, monument, nomadic, artefact

Art & DT

Prehistoric Painting

We will be exploring prehistoric art, recreating the style of cave artists using charcoal and natural pigments. We will experiment with colour mixing and create large-scale artwork, enhancing both artistic skills and historical knowledge.

Vocabulary: charcoal, composition, pigment, prehistoric, proportion, sketch, smudging, texture, tone.

RE

Pilgrimage To The River Ganges

We will be learning about Sanatani beliefs about the River Ganges and some of the practices which occur there. Sanatanis believe that any rituals performed on the banks of the Ganges or in its water will wash away impurity.

Vocabulary: flood plain, fertile, pilgrimage, pollutant, source, nutrients, ashes, cremation, deity, rituals

PSHE

Being Me in my World

We will be learning what makes a good citizen and understanding how our actions affect other people locally and globally.

Vocabulary: goals, worries, fears, rights, community, empathy, choices, responsibilities, consequences, learning charter, legal, illegal, laws, democracy.

French

Pronunciation: Colours and Numbers

We will be learning pronunciation this half term, looking at the 26 different phonemes that are used in spoken French but are not used in English. By focusing on these sounds, we will be able to improve the quality of our pronunciation, and we will also become more confident in reading unknown words.

PE

Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) & Gymnastics

In OAA, we will be learning to improve on our teamwork, coordination and orienteering skills. In gymnastics, we will be learning to develop our agility, balance and coordination.

Vocabulary: compass, orienteering, balance, coordination, agility, roll.

Computing

Connecting Computers

We will be developing understanding of digital devices, focusing on inputs, outputs and processes. We will compare digital and non-digital devices, before exploring computer networks and the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

Vocabulary: device, input, output, process, network, wireless, server.