

Literacy

As well as celebrating World Book Day, in literacy we will be writing formal persuasive letters. We will be reading the book - The Pebble in my Pocket and completing various activities. The children will be editing text and improving their sentence structure. Towards the end of the term we will be exploring various forms of poetry and looking at the use of alliteration and descriptive noun phrases. Children will be given the opportunity to write their own poems.



PSHE

There will be a big emphasis on confidence building in PSHE. The children will listen to and respond respectfully to a wide range of people and become confident enough to raise their own concerns. They will also discuss and be taught to recognise other people's feelings and respectfully try and challenge other points of view.

Year 3 - Spring 2 Lab coats at the ready!

Dates for your diary

23rd February Professor Brainstorm visits Year 3

1st March World Book Day

13th & 14th March - Parents Evening

R.E.

We will continue to receive our visitors from All Saints Church. This half term, will be focusing our attention on the build up to Easter. The children will learn about the events of Palm Sunday and begin to understand the feelings of the crowd on that day. The children will also learn the significance of the Last Supper and all of the events that led up to his Crucifixion.

Numeracy

This half term the children will be practising multiplying and dividing numbers by 3, 4 and 8 and applying their understanding to written methods. Science and maths will crossover frequently as we attempt to use statistics and other areas of maths to prove our scientific findings. We will revisit and continue to measure using the appropriate tools and units, progressing to using a wider range of measures, including comparing and using mixed units (for example, 1 kg and 200g). Towards the end of the term we will revisit time and look at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and applying their understanding to solving time problems.

Music

The children have enjoyed taking part in Samba Band so far this term. Now they know which percussion instrument has been allocated to them and the part they have to play, it is time to build on that knowledge and begin to sound like a real band. We hope to record the children performing and will put a link up via the website or Twitter at the end of term!

Science

This half term children will experience a double dose of science! Our 'lab coats at the ready' topic will ensure that children will gain lots of practical experience.

We will start by researching and finding out about famous scientists from the past and how they have influenced our lives today.

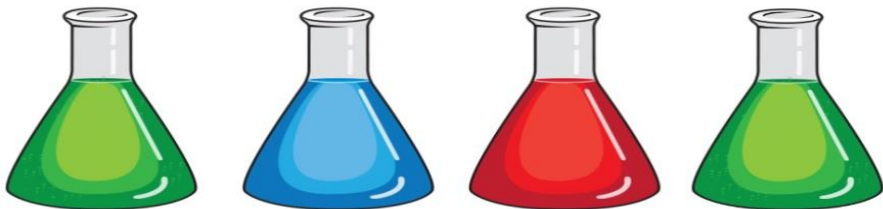
Children will use a variety of magnets to predict whether magnets will attract or repel each other depending on which poles are facing each other. They will also learn to identify materials that are attracted to magnets.

We will also learn about forces and what makes things go faster and slower. Children will become familiar with the term friction and be able to plan their own scientific experiments to test this.

During March the whole school will be taking part in different workshops during Science Week, which promises to be an exciting week! If any parents have any contacts or would like to come in and share their scientific expertise, then please get in touch.

P.E.

Year 3 will be learning gymnastics balances this half term. We will learn to move in an expressive manner and create a sequence, demonstrating different balances and changes of direction, speed and level.



ICT

Children will continue to build on the knowledge and skills they were introduced to us in coding last year. Children will be using a program called Scratch and 'tinkering' with different scenarios to recode elements within these. Scratch is a free piece of software which you can use from home. To save any work completed you will need to set up your child with a username and password.

As well as this, we will be looking at how to create graphs on computer software and excel to link with the data collected in science.

Art

This half-term we will be following on from our paper weaving before Christmas, and starting to weave using wool on a cardboard loom. We will also learn how to successfully make a pom pom.

D.T.

Children will be shown how to use a tie-dye technique to transform a piece of fabric into something more interesting. Please could you all bring in a spare white shirt or t shirt by Monday 12th March.

Spanish

In Spanish the children will build on what they have already learnt this year. The children will learn how to say how old they are, where they live, learn all of the names of the numbers from 13 - 20 and the names of the days of the week. Finally the children will experience what Easter is like in Spain.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/>