



Autumn 1

NE3 and Our City!



Our Topic
Gosforth Gets Green
Our Enquiry Question
How can I make a difference to
Gosforth?

Curious



Caring



Creative



Courageous



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English

We will kick-start Year 3 by writing informal letters to their new teachers. We will then be looking at book front covers and predicting how the story might unfold and develop. Children will be using their imagination and descriptive vocabulary based on visual cues. As part of our No Outsiders topic, we will be exploring characterisation, feelings and behaviour by the thought-provoking book 'Beegu.' Pupils will be introduced to fronted adverbials and incorporate them into their very own adventure stories! Guided Reading and comprehension / spelling sessions will take place each week; children will complete a series of activities and tasks to support with the acquisition and development of reading skills; we will also be introducing class novels. Spelling homework will be sent home weekly. Please also read and sign their reading diary.

Maths

This half term our main focus will centre around the children developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills; these strategies will be woven into all strands of mathematics. The children will continue to develop their understanding of place value and partition three-digit numbers into multiples of 100, 10 and 1. They will derive and recall all addition and subtraction facts for each number to 20 and look at pairs of numbers which total 100. Children will be encouraged to add and subtract mentally combinations of one- and two-digit numbers. Children will be taught to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables for 3, 4 and 8. Following this, they will begin to solve multiplication problems. Children will begin to convert, estimate, compare and calculate units of measure. Geometric shapes will be compared and classified including quadrilaterals and triangles.

Geography

We will be becoming young leaders so that we can make a positive change to Gosforth. We will be walking in our local area and looking at the physical and human features in Gosforth to help us. Following this walk, children will sketch maps of their local area identifying features and adding these to their maps as well as using four figure grid references. Children will be starting to think in more detail about the exact ways they could make a difference to our local area. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you as they progress.

If anyone has any local links to the community, the children would enjoy using these contacts to gain a deeper understanding of the community we live in. Please get in touch with the Year 3 team.

Having fun, learning together.

Curious, caring, creative and courageous.



Art and DT Week

Each half term the children will have a week dedicated to art and/or DT.

This half term, we will be looking at our sketch books to develop and refine our pencil skills. Children will also learn how to use these books effectively throughout the course of the year to enhance their art skills. In DT, we will be planning, designing and making our very own cushion! We will be using cross stitch to join two pieces of fabric together. We will also be using cross stitch and applique to decorate our cushions.

Science

This half term the children will use a range of resources, including ICT, to research Healthy Lifestyles. They will label the skeleton and learn about the function of some of the bones. The children will learn how bones and muscles help us move and will conduct an investigation to measure the effect of exercise on the body by measuring pulse rate. They will have the opportunity to learn about different food groups and will construct their own food pyramid.

PE

This half term, Children will enjoy weekly sessions of outdoor PE where they will develop agility, balance and coordination through a series of non-contact games. They will also play a number of games that will help build their fundamentals and also challenge their ball skills.

Class 7- Monday and Friday

Class 8 Monday and Thursday

Music

The Children will be taking part in weekly singing sessions from our visitors. We will also be looking at what a Ballard is and then experimenting to create their own lyrics for a Ballard. We will also continue to look at music composers.

Computing

During computing, children will begin the year learning about the importance of E Safety. They will learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible when online in order for them to be good digital citizens. Plus, children will use their coding skills using the app, Scratch.

Spanish

Children will continue to enjoy weekly Spanish lessons with Senora Dunlop, focussing on key vocabulary through a series of fun, practical tasks.

PSHE

Our big questions this half term is What makes a family? And What can we do about bullying? They will explore relationships by considering different families, friendships and how we build safe relationships whilst respecting ourselves and others. A No Outsiders book will be discussed with the children called 'This is our house' and we will be discussing different behaviours and inclusivity.

RE

This half term, children will build on their previous knowledge of other religions and will be looking at signs and symbols in different religions and understanding the difference between literal and non-literal meanings.

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Vocabulary

English

- Adjectives
- Punctuation
- Fronted adverbials
- Homophones

Geography

- sketch maps
- digital mapping
- coordinates
- environment

Maths

- Place Value
- Hundreds, Tens and Ones
- More than / Less than
- Equal to

Science

- Muscles
- Food groups
- Bones
- Diet