



Continent Focus: Europe



Save the Date

28th April – Children return to school
 5th May – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
 8th May – VE Day
 16th May – Y3 Parent Lunch
 23rd May – School Council Fundraising Day/Break up
 2nd June – INSET
 3rd June – Children return to school

English

In our English lessons, we will be focusing closely on applying Year 3 spelling rules and consistently/correctly using taught punctuation such as capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, inverted commas, apostrophes for possession/ contraction and commas for a list. We will be exploring and writing our own explanation texts, newspaper reports and free verse poetry using relevant text-type features. We will also continue to apply Year 3 writing skills for added detail and flare in our writing.

In our Guided Reading lessons, we will continue to read a range of quality texts. Each week we will focus on a range of comprehension questions to develop our 'VIPER skills' which includes vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summarising.

Art

In Art this half term we will be developing our understanding of shading and drawing techniques to create botanical inspired drawings.

Music

As musicians, we are continuing with our whole class instrumental lessons by learning about the history and features of Calypso music. We will be performing a calypso style song with voices and tuned percussion in multiple parts and playing from staff notation.

Religious Education

This half term we will be studying a unit titled 'The Beginning of the World' where we will explore the meaning of a wide range of stories about the beginnings of the world and reflect upon their importance for believers.

Computing

In computing we will be learning about Graphing using Purple Mash programme 2Graph. We will begin by exploring 2Graph and learning how to use the programme before using 2Graph independently to record data as part of an investigation.

Geography



Is Italy a world away from our local area?

This half term we will develop our skills as geographers and focus on our knowledge of Continents. We will develop our knowledge of Europe with a focus on Italy. We will use maps and photographs to discover where Italy is and what it would be like to live there. We will also study the Leaning Tower of Pisa and make comparisons between the UK and Italy.

Maths

This half term, we will begin by consolidating our recall and application of mental/written methods as part of an arithmetic unit. This will cover key methods used within the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then move on to our unit on Mass and Capacity. We will look at using scales and measuring in grams and kilograms, as well as comparing mass. We will also spend time measuring volume in millilitres and litres. We will build upon this knowledge by also adding and subtracting capacity and volume. Throughout all of our learning we will demonstrate our confidence in the skills we have learnt by reasoning and solving problems. We will continue to use concrete materials, pictorial methods, and abstract methods to consolidate our understanding.

Science / STEM

During this half term, we will be learning all about plants and will understand what different parts make up a plant. We will discover how water travels to different parts of a plant and will conduct an exciting experiment where we see what happens to plants when they are put in different conditions. We will also learn about key processes relative to plants such as pollination and seed dispersal. Throughout our learning in Science we will continue to demonstrate Working Scientifically skills including making observations, setting up simple tests and collecting data. We will also be covering a range of scientific enquiry skills such as observing over time, comparative and fair testing, researching and identifying, grouping and classifying.

PE / Games

We will continue to develop our athletic skills during PE and Games, particularly focusing on running, jumping and throwing.

PSHE

This half term we be learning about Health and Wellbeing and will identify ways of staying physically and mentally healthy. This will also include discussion about our individual strengths, feelings and building resilience.

MFL – French

This half term in French we are learning about life in a French school. We will learn the French translation of common subjects and will then use this to share our favourite subjects.

British Values Focus - Individual Liberty

British Values Focus - Honesty/ Success