
 **Year 3** 
Curriculum Map
Term: Spring 1 (2025-2026)

English

In English this half term we are studying *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and beautifully illustrated by Chris Mould. We will also be studying an accompanying poem 'The Coming of the Iron Man' by Brenda Williams. Immersing ourselves in these wonderful texts, we will be learning to write letters to the Iron Man from a character in the book choosing an appropriate tone and we will be producing a Kenning poem using figurative language.

Grammar

Our grammar is taught in the context of the book we are studying and this half term we will focus on further developing sentences using a range of fronted adverbials, adverbs and expanded noun phrases

Spellings / Phonics

The children will continue to consolidate their knowledge of phonics through 20 minute, small-group sessions. Spellings will be covered in phonics as well as a discrete weekly spelling lesson. Spellings will be sent home, and we will be testing them each week.

Maths

This half term, we will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division. We will become fluent with our known times tables whilst beginning to use these number facts to multiply and divide two-digit numbers with and without exchanges. We will also learn how to apply our skills in reasoning and problem-solving questions. We will also be learning about length and perimeter. We will explore the different units: metres, centimetres and millimetres. We are going to use our prior knowledge of addition and subtraction to compare, add and subtract lengths and to solve problems. We will continue to learn how to tell the time to 5 minutes.

Computing

This half term, we will be exploring rainforests around the world through animation, 3D videos and Google Earth. We will then use our newfound knowledge to create interactive media as well as quizzes for our peers to engage with.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education & Resiliency

We will be learning about our physical health and wellbeing, and the choices we can make about them. We will be learning how to make the best choices with food, drink and exercise for our body.

We will also be learning about a range of strategies to help us cope with challenging situations and situations that we both can and cannot control.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will learn how to play tennis on Thursdays and gymnastics on Fridays. In Tennis, children will learn how to hit a ball using forehand techniques and a backhand stroke with control and accuracy. They will learn how to serve and apply their skills in a game. In gymnastics, children will develop their understanding of the necessary flexibility, strength and control needed to perform the movement in gymnastics successfully and will have the opportunity to choreograph their own sequences and routines, performing individually and with a partner.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be learning about the Bible and why it is so important for Christians today. We will learn about lots of different Bible stories and quotes and understand how these influence how Christians live.

History

We are going to be learning all about different ancient civilisations. We will develop our historical enquiry skills as we find out about the Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty and Ancient Egypt civilisations. We will be using our knowledge of these to find their similarities and differences.

Music

We are going to be learning 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. We will listen to a wide range of Reggae music in order to appraise, sing and play the song!

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

This half term, our topic is The World Around Us – Birthdays. We will continue to recap all our prior knowledge in Spanish as well as learn how to ask and answer questions about our own and others' birthdays. We will continue to practise our language skills by asking and answering questions about a variety of topics.

Science

We are going to be learning about forces and magnets. Through practical activities, we will be discovering how different materials move along different surfaces. We will also be classifying a range of everyday materials as magnetic and non-magnetic. Through practical enquiries, we will learn how magnets work.

DT

During this half term for DT, we will be making a sandwich. We are going to use our knowledge of the Eatwell Plate to research, design, make and evaluate a sandwich. We are even going to make our own flatbreads!

Enrichment

We will be using our 4D room to immerse ourselves into an ancient civilisation. We will explore the buildings that would have been commonplace during one of the ancient civilisations we have been learning about! We will also be making our own sandwich in DT using our knowledge of healthy eating to help us make choices.