

We will be learning:

In PE, we will be studying fundamentals and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activity). OAA will focus on teamwork and what makes working as a team easier as well as how we can communicate effectively. In fundamentals, we will be learning about the fundamentals of PE including basic ball skills, balances and stretches.

In Science this term, we will be studying the area of States of Matter where we will be learning about the three states: solid, liquid and gas. We will be conducting investigations where we find out more about melting and freezing.

In Geography, we will be studying the rainforest and its climate. We will also be learning about the location of some major rivers including why it is good to live near them.

In Art, we will be learning sketching skills. We will focus on different types of pencils and the effects they can create, especially with light and shade. We will use these skills and techniques to draw portraits.

In RE, we are focusing on what are the rules that we live by. We will be thinking about the rules that we follow at school and in society. Next, we will look at the rules that Christians and Muslims follow and how these rules have been established.

Computing – we will be learning basic computing skills and how to use the school laptops. We will also be finding out about word processing software such as Microsoft word. We will learn the skills to use this software and to create different pieces of work including a fact file about ourselves.

In Music, some of the year 3/4 classes will be learning about body and tuned percussion based around the theme of the Rainforest. The other classes will be learning how to play a musical instrument (Ukulele) from our music teacher Mr Draycott. We will also be learning Harvest songs for Harvest festival assembly at the end of term.

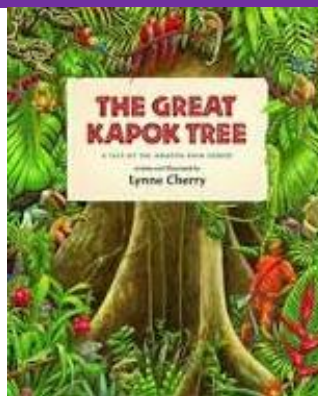
In French, we will be learning how to greet people in French. We will learn how to change what we say based on the time of day we meet people and how to ask 'How are you?'

In RSHE, this term we will be reminding ourselves of our school rules and values. We will be celebrating the person of the day and talking about our emotions and what they mean.

Year 3/4 Overview – Autumn 1 2023

Our core story is:

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry



At home you could:

- Read daily with your child and discuss why you like or dislike a book. Try to read 15 minutes a day. Record your reading on Boom Read.
- Practise times tables frequently. Year 3 focus on recapping 2s, 5s and 10s, while year 4 focus on recapping 3s, 4s and 8s.
- Log on and have a try at the website Timetable Rockstars.
- Practise the key words from our spellings lessons each week.
- Encourage your child to tell the time throughout the day on an analogue clock.

Key English skills for your child:

- Understanding what makes a sentence and correcting fragments into complete sentences.
- Understanding the types of sentences and demarcating them accurately,
- Using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend sentences.
- Organising our sentences carefully.
- We will examine the spellings patterns associated with the common suffixes – ed, ing and ly.
- In reading, we will be developing our reading fluency when reading aloud.
- We will develop the comprehension skills of retrieval and inference.

Key Maths skills for your child:

Place value

- Understanding place value in numbers up to 1,000 in year 3 and up to 10,000 in year 4.
- Partitioning numbers up to 10,000.
- Comparing and ordering whole numbers (integers).
- Count in 2s, 5s, 10s, 4s and 8s. We will begin practising these as times tables, verbally and as quick-fire questions.
- Practise number bonds and related facts. Example: $4 + 6 = 10$; $34 + 16 = 50$; $40 + 60 = 100$

Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract numbers using mental calculations.
- Beginning to apply our knowledge of mental addition and subtraction to written questions.

