

Year 3—Spring Term 1

Don't forget your passport

Thrive/ P.S.H.E

Our PSHE topic is Being Responsible—we look at how to be a responsible citizen both outside and in school, as well as at home. In Thrive we build up emotional literacy and discuss cause and effect when problem solving and rules and consequences. We use different moral dilemmas when discussing knowing how to behave and what doing the right thing can look like. We help children explain why things are fair or unfair. We teach children to begin to question things and ask why rather than just agree with everything they read or hear.

British Values / RE

We discuss respect for the law as part of our work British Values work.

We also discuss the rights that we have, in particular freedom of speech, and use various picture books as a stimulus.

In RE we look at why some people think life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this.

Key Texts / Literacy

We build on our fiction writing skills by studying *The Secret of Black Rock* and *The Magic Paintbrush*. We improve our sentences using further sentence stacking and improve vocabulary through synonym work. In *Rainbow Grammar*, we continue to recap learnt skills and introduce children to linking adverbs. When reading we build on finding key words and connecting with background knowledge.

Art / Music / DT

Art—children focus on telling stories through drawing and making and explore how artists are inspired by literature and film.

Music—children explore pentatonic melodies and composition using the theme Chinese New Year.

Maths

This term we build on multiplication and division using a variety of written methods. In measurement we look at money. We also explore statistics this term.

Safeguarding

Although an awareness of bullying is continuous throughout the year, we focus specifically on cyberbullying for Safer Internet Day. We also discuss whether all drugs are dangerous and which medicines help us.

P.E.

In PE this term we focus on improving our gymnastics skills and also learn the skills needed to play basketball.

Humanities

Geography—we continue to zoom out and look at maps of the world, this time locating the Mediterranean. We explore different countries that surround the Mediterranean sea, explore their culture and make comparisons between life in the Mediterranean and life in Ilkeston. To help us with this, we investigate different climate zones and complete a weather report for both a country in the Mediterranean and Ilkeston.

Audience / Community

We begin to work on improving the environment within our school community as Spring begins to develop, such as clearing up the plant growing areas behind year 3. We also welcome RSPB into our school.

Key Skills

During this term, we focus on teaching key skills such as measuring weather patterns and making informed comparisons by spotting similarities and differences. We look at how we communicate in different ways depending on who to and what we communicate.

French

This term we learn numbers, age and time.

ECO

During this term, we complete the RSPB bird watch. We also use our forest school slot as an opportunity to observe and create habitats for a variety of creatures.

Computing

Children explore desktop publishing. They learn about digital footprints and identity trails.

Science

This term, our science topic is focused around significant scientists and their creations. Children will learn about the men and women who risked their lives to find new plants, Marie Curie and her work on radiation, how George Washington Carver discovered the needs of plants, how Inge Lehmann discovered that the Earth's core is solid and how William Smith learnt that fossils can be used to tell the age of rocks as well as modern day applications of these.