

# Lights, Camera and Festive Magic!

Year 3  
Autumn 2

## Understanding the World

**Geography:** We will continue to explore our woodland area in our school grounds, mapping out habitats and detailing any environmental issues. We will then compare this to the rainforest habitats we have been learning about.

**History:** We will briefly learn how WW1 and WW2 impacted families in Britain and why poppies are significant symbols of remembrance. We will read stories and poems about remembrance before creating our class wreath and poppy artwork.

**RE:** We will be exploring Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. As we move closer to Christmas, we will look at how Christmas is celebrated around the world and the significance of light within these festivals.

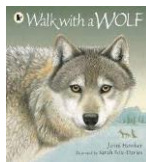


**Spanish:** We will continue to learn colours and numbers before how to say a range of animals in Spanish.

## Understanding our Health and Well-Being

**PE:** We will begin to learn balances and how to use equipment in our gymnastics lessons.

**PSHCE:** We will be learning about 'celebrating differences' as well as our weekly assembly topics.



We will begin this half term exploring *'Walk with a Wolf'* and learn all about wolves. We will look at different features of this book including how the book has fiction and non-fiction elements, similes and imagery. We will then create information booklets about wolves as well as descriptive paragraphs about these mysterious creatures.

We will then be reading *'Mini Rabbit Not Lost'*, sequencing the story and finally create our own versions of this fantastic picture book. We will concentrate on using correct speech punctuation as well as other important grammar skills.



This term will finish with a festive look at *'The Snowman'* during our last few weeks before Christmas and we will use this as inspiration for our own festive poetry.



**Spellings:** We will continue to consolidate our phonics knowledge using Monster phonics. We will address any gaps in learning and assess their understanding of High Frequency words too. We will move on to Year 3 Spellings after half term.



## Understanding Arts and Culture

**Art:** We will create poppy art using a range of new techniques and mediums such as watercolours, charcoal and blow painting.

**Music:** We will continue to explore differences in dynamics, pitch and tempo while using our Music Express topics in Music. Savannah will continue to learn the violin.



## Maths

**Number:** We will continue to work hard to secure our understanding of 3 digit numbers, especially when adding and subtracting. We will then move on to finding compliments to 100, estimating amounts and using inverse operations to check our answers.

We will also have a greater focus on learning our timetables, finding patterns that might help us and working really hard on our recall using



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**Fluency:** During fluency sessions, we will address any gaps in that still remain whilst also overlearning or deepening the children's understanding of key concepts. These sessions will be quick games and lots of fun for everyone but are vital for the children's learning and retention of important areas of mathematics.

## Understanding Science and Technology

**Science:** Our new Science topic this term is light. We will learn about sources of light, how mirrors work and investigate shadows. We will also use our investigation skills to solve practical problems involving light, evaluate our work and write about our findings.

**DT:** We will be set a specific design brief for our tasty autumn treats that we will work hard to fulfil. We will research recipes using search engines, design our treats and use our cookery skills to create our tasty creations before evaluating them.

**Computing:** we will continue to learn about network, how they work and how to responsibly share documents and information.



**“Learn. Believe. Achieve.”**



**Our School Values:** Resilient, Persistent, Self-Motivated, Risk-Takers, Creative, Good Citizens, Entrepreneurial

We can't quite believe that it is the Christmas term already!!! This is always the busiest and most fun term of the year. This year will be busier than ever!! Year 3 will perform their Christmas performance LIVE on stage, Christmas dinner day will be a highlight, as will Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Day. Before we get to Christmas, we also will take part in our annual remembrance service.



**Homework:** Homework and spellings will be on **Google Classrooms** every Friday. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week. Don't forget that the homework is also available on the Year 3 webpage on our school website and there is also a copy of our webinar where we explain how to use Google classrooms too.

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**Reading:** We ask that children in Year 3 read their books for a short time each night and we will read with the children regularly throughout the week at school. Please don't forget to write their efforts in their reading record so we can reward them at school for fantastic home reading. As always, please see the Class Teacher if you have any concerns or questions about school and we will be happy to help you.

Mrs Sinclair (Savannah Class, Year Group Leader and Assistant Head Teacher)

Miss Bass (Rainforest Class)

Miss Sutton (Desert Class)