

Lights, Camera and Festive Magic!

Year 3
Autumn 2



We will be exploring 'Winters Child' this half term and learning all about fables. We will look at different features of this book including characters, setting and dialogue. We will then create a fantasy story based on a fable.

We will then be reading 'Ice Palace' sequencing the story and summarising key events in the story. We will identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.



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 continue to work on Year 3 superhero spellings.

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, Hanukkah 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 Arts and Culture

Art: We will create poppy art using a range of new techniques and mediums such as acrylic paint, chalk and tissue paper.

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

**TIMES TABLES
ROCKSTARS**

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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 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.

Understanding Science and Technology

Science: Our new Science topic this term is nutrition. We will learn about the food groups, what we need to stay healthy through the healthy eating food plate. We will then be looking at how to reduce food waste.

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 networks, 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 **Education City** and in their **homework books** every Friday. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week.

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.

Miss George (Savannah Class and Year Group Leader)

Miss Denman (Rainforest Class)

Miss McBride (Desert Class)