

# 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, using the skills we have looked at and practised while reading this book.

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 while focusing on reading with fluency and expression.



**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 traditions and events during Diwali 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 continue to create our collages inspired by Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings.

**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 TTRockstars.

**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 nutrition. We will learn about the food groups, what we need to stay healthy through the healthy eating food plate. We then be looking at how to reduce food waste.

**DT:** We will continue to plan and create a healthy savoury dish and explore where the ingredients came from. We will taste test our creations and then evaluate them together.

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

## Understanding our Health and Well-Being

**PE:** We continue to learn how to play Tag rugby alongside fundamental PE skills.

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

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for...

Our fabulously  
festive performance.



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**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, Elf Day and a trip to the Panto!



Before we get to Christmas, we also will take part in our annual remembrance service.

**Homework:** Homework and spellings will be in the children's **homework books** every Friday and needs to be handed in by the Thursday after. Spellings are getting tricky now so we may decide that we need more than 1 week on a set of spellings, depending how the children scored in our tests or during class learning. We will endeavour to let you know if we are doing this via Marvellous Me.

**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 Teacher, Year 3 Leader and Assistant Head Teacher)

Miss Adeniji (Rainforest Class Teacher)

Mrs Williams (Desert Class Teacher)