

Year 3 Half Termly Learning Update: Spring 2 2025



English

Reading

In Reading we will be focusing on the reading skills- retrieval, inference, language and vocabulary. During **retrieval** we will be reading our Stig of the Dump story carefully, scanning the text and looking for key words and information to answer our questions. During **inference** we will study what characters say and do thinking about what this tells us about them. During **language** we will explain how the author creates the characters' personalities using vocabulary that makes us think in certain ways. During vocabulary we will find meaning to words using the dictionary.

Narrative writing– Warning story

In English we will be reading Stig of the Dump and writing our very own warning story. We will explore examples of a warning story, and identify the features and structure. We will also be unpicking examples and improving them.

We will be learning and applying Year 3 writing techniques such as sentence openers– prepositions of time and place, coordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and similes. We will also be proof reading our writing, editing and up levelling it. We will explore examples of a warning story, and identify the features and structure. We will also be unpicking examples and improve them.

Poetry

In poetry, we will be looking three different types of poems– Cinquain, concrete and acrostic poems. We will be identifying the features and the structure of these poems. We will look at examples of these poems and use the outdoors for inspiration. We will then write our poems including an acrostic poem about the rainforest!

Maths

Length

We will be continuing our topic on length from last half term. We will be comparing m to cm and comparing m to km. We will be extending our learning by applying our knowledge to written word problems.

Mass

In our Mass topic, we will be understanding and comparing the difference between g and kg. We will consolidate our learning by using weighing scales. We will then go on to solve problems relating to mass by using addition and subtraction operations.

Volume

In our Volume topic, we will be learning to measure in millilitres and litres and progress onto solve problems entailing to volume by using formal methods of addition and subtraction.

Time

In our Time topic, we will begin by measuring time in months and years. We will then go on to identify the difference between am and pm when reading the time as well as understanding a 24 hour clock. We will learn to tell the time 1 minute to, 5 minutes to, /past. quarter past, half past, quarter to.



Big Idea or So What?



“The rainforests are destroyed everyday...so what?”

Our main curriculum driver this half term is: Geography

In Geography we will be learning to: locate and name the worlds biomes and climate zones, explore the worlds rainforests, learn about indigenous people and identify how the Amazon rainforest is changing.

Also this half term:

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau and Andy Warhol. We will be exploring patterns of the rainforest by layering colours and look at the technique of printing.

In Music, we will be learning to appraise music from the Brazilian culture and recreate our own style of Brazilian Samba.

In Science we will be learning about Plants; understanding the parts of a plant, the life cycle of a flowering plant and how plants pollinate.

By the end of this unit we will: Research, explore and understand the importance of Rainforests to our planet and why it is so vital that we protect them. We will be creating a rainforest textile piece in D&T by sewing our own leaves to support the protection of our planet’s rainforests.

