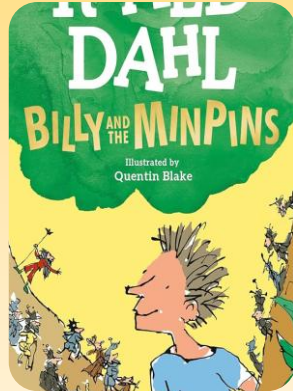


Year 3 Curriculum News

Autumn 1 - Exploring Hidden Worlds

English



Key Narrative Text: *Billy and the Minpins* by Roald Dahl

Character and Setting Description: In this writing unit, the children will focus on key skills such as using prepositions, subordinating conjunctions, as well as cohesive devices within their independent writing.

Diary Entry: In this unit, the children will focus on time adverbs, conjunctions and adjectives. They will build upon and consolidate previous learning, ensuring that they use capital letters and full stops, as well as question marks and exclamation marks accurately.

Reading: Using *Billy and the Minpins* as their main text, the children will focus on key reading skills such as visualisation, retrieval, inference, prediction and vocabulary - whilst deepening their engagement with the characters, settings and themes within the story.

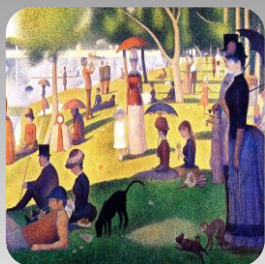
Spellings: Children will focus on words which include long vowel sounds, homophones, and near homophones.



Geography

Focus: Planet Earth

This term, children will be exploring Planet Earth and discovering more about the world around them. They will learn about the Earth's layers, tectonic plates, volcanoes and earthquakes, as well as investigate climate zones and vegetation belts across the globe. The children will also explore the causes and effects of global warming and consider how changes to our environment can affect people, plants and animals around the world. This unit will develop their geographical knowledge and help them understand some of the important environmental issues facing our planet.



Art

Focus: Landscapes - Seurat

In this unit, the children will evaluate different examples of work by Seurat, recognising them as landscapes. They will build on knowledge gained in Year 2 - such as the horizon as a reference point, and perspective being created by objects in the distance being made to look smaller. The children will recognise that the paintings contain colour that go beyond the primary and secondary colours and will learn how tertiary colours are created.



PE

Focus: Handball and Hockey

In the Handball unit, the children will learn to use the ready position to catch effectively and to perform accurate passes in different situations. The children will also learn how to move the ball using the three step rule, as well as how to use quick and effective passes to attack as a team.

In the Hockey unit, the children will learn how to keep close control of the ball using the flat side of the stick; they will also learn how to use a defensive body position and how to consistently stop a moving ball, ready to pass move or shoot.

Year 3 will have PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that items of clothing are labelled.

‘Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.’

Maths



KIRFS: To know all the number bonds to 20 for each number.

Place Value: This term, the children will consolidate their knowledge of representing numbers to 100, before moving on to numbers beyond 100 (to 1,000).

Addition and Subtraction: In this unit, children will build on their knowledge of adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, working towards adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers with exchanges.

(Please see our calculation progression document for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies.)



Science

Biology: Plants

This term, the children will build upon their knowledge of plants from Year 2 (identifying parts of a plant such as roots, stem, leaves and flowers). They will recap the parts of a flowering plant, then look at their functions and why they are important to a plant. In this unit, children will also learn about the requirements for plant growth - such as air, light, warmth, water and nutrients.

Working Scientifically

Children will carry out comparative and fair tests and use results to draw conclusions.



RE

Focus: What Do Christians Learn From the Creation Story?

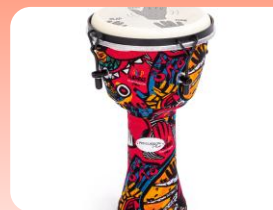
This unit focuses on the stories of Creation and the Fall as two parts of the 'Big Story' of the Bible. The children will learn about the first Creation story from Genesis and the key messages within it and how, for many Christians, it is about the world being good and how Christians are called to look after God's world. Then, the children will consider the story of Adam and Eve and how the Fall fits into the 'Big Story' of the Bible.



PSHE

Focus: Families and Relationships

In this unit, the children will learn that families are all different, and that families offer each other support although sometimes they can experience problems. Children will describe what a good listener is and know how to show that they are listening; they will also explore what bullying is, as well as what to do if it happens.



Music

Focus: Rhythm

During this unit, the children will learn how to play the djembe and will focus on related key skills such as performing, composing, reading music notation and transcribing.



Computing

Focus: Connecting Computers

In this unit, children will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. Children will also be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches.