Year 3
Topic 5

English – Reading and Writing

In reading, we will study the fiction text Polly Flint by Helen Cresswell; the picture book Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson; and will conclude with some performance poetry exploring Macavity The Mysterious Cat by T.S.Elliott.

In writing, we will be looking at the features of a journey narrative before we explore the writing devices used to create a diary.

Maths

At the start of this topic, we will be exploring fractions and extending our knowledge from topic 4. We will be adding and subtracting them and ensuring we always follow the same rule. We will then move onto money where we will be converting amounts.

Science

During our science lessons, we will be identifying and describing the functions of the parts of a plant. We will explore the life cycle of a flowering plant and look at how water is transported within a plant. We will also gain an understanding of how seeds are dispersed and the requirements of plants for life and growth.

History

This half term, we will be concluding our exploration of the prehistoric period by looking at the Iron Age. We will be learning how housing and farming changed during this period. We will also explore the art and culture of the period with a focus on Celtic knots and how they were used as a decorative source for jewellry and other artefacts.

Art and Design

In our art and design lessons, we will be looking at how Van Gogh used colour and paint techniques to create The Starry Night. We will recap our colour mixing techniques and extend our learning about bush techniques in order to apply these to our own pieces.

Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on programing in our computing sessions. We will be looking at the importance of sequencing and commands to produce an intended outcome.

R.E.

In R.E. this topic, we will be looking at Islam and explaining how Muslims worship. We will also be learning about the features of a mosque (place of worship) and the importance of pilgrimage to Muslims.

P.S.H.E.

In Jigsaw lessons, our focus will be relationships. We will have the opportunity to discuss friendships, stereotypes and reflect on the responsibilities of the members of our families. We will also look at the importance of keeping safe online.

P.E.

In P.E. this half term, we will be developing our cricket skills. We will look at the principles of striking and fielding and how to expand our knowledge of different roles within cricket. We will also be developing our athletic skills. We will focus on basic running, jumping and throwing techniques. We will have challenges set for distance and time involving different styles and combinations.

Music

In music this half term, we will explore disco music and the song "Bringing Us Together". We will continue to use the glockenspiels and recorders, improvising and composing as a class.

M.F.L.

This half term in German, we will explore The Hungry Giant story and learn the vocabulary for fruits and vegetables. We will also learn to listen to and respond to German phrases.