

## Maths

This term the children will apply their prior learning about fractions to addition and subtraction, as well as working out fractions of an amount.

The children will also be using their understanding of money to solve problems involving totals and change and converting between pounds and pence.

Finally the children will explore time: looking at Roman numerals to 12, digital and analogue clocks and time to 1 minute intervals.

## English

The key text for Term 5 will be *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children will begin their topic with their very own discovery that will kick start their exploration of this fantastic story. They will use their writing skills to produce letters and descriptive opening paragraphs to help set the scene, using a range of literary techniques including powerful adjectives and similes. In Guided Reading sessions they will use this text to improve their vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval and summary skills. In SPaG lessons, the children will explore perspective as they consider the first, second and third person point of view. They will also develop their understanding of language by looking at synonyms, antonyms and homonyms.

## Science

This topic has a strong science focus and the children will be able to build upon their scientific enquiry skills as they conduct a range of fair tests to explore the scientific concepts they learn.

The topic will look at forces, including gravity and air resistance as the children measure these forces and explore them in real life scenarios.

The children will also learn about metals and where they come from and magnetism and how this force effects the planet that we live on.

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## Spanish

This term, the children will be continuing to practice their speaking skills to ask and answer simple questions in Spanish, including: what is your name? How old are you? Where do you live?

The new learning for this term will be naming parts of the body and introducing simple verbs linked to actions such as eating, drinking, dancing and playing.

## Music/Drama

This term, the children will be learning 'The Dragon Song' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. This unit will allow the children to build upon the skills they have already developed, both in singing in playing instruments.

This term also includes the International Day of Dance; and the children will be learning a dance routine to perform as part of this.

## Knowledge and Understanding the World

This term the children will begin a new topic: 'Why do people pray?'. They will explore how different people express and practice their faiths and compare this to their own experiences of religious festivals and buildings.

## PE

This term the children will be taking part in Athletics activities as the weather warms up and we are approaching Sports Day. They will learn the technical skills involved in track events such as running, relays and hurdles and field events such as javelin, shot-put and discus. The children will enjoy using the outside a lot more this term!

### Uniform

Although we are now moving into the Summer term, we can still expect some rain and colder days so please ensure that your child has a coat or rain jacket in school every day.

With the weather turning warmer, the children will be taking jumpers and cardigans off, so please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid these getting lost or mixed up!

### Reading

Thank you for your efforts encouraging reading at home!

The children will be taking a Star Reader Assessment at the beginning of the term to update their reading range.

Children who attend a phonics group will also bring home a photocopied version of their guided reading book to practice at home. Please can these be returned every week ready for the next one.

### Homework

The new Home Discovery grid will be sent home on the first Friday of Term 5, please ensure that all books are in by Thursday so that the grid can be stuck in.

The format has changed slightly, with a selection of activities to complete for each week, as well as extra tasks that can earn Dojo Points.

We thank you for all your support with your child's home learning!

We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term beginning and this one has lots of events! The whole school will be celebrating the International Day of Dance with a performance, there will be the Coronation Concert on the field to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, Sports Days and a trip to Folkestone Coastal Park. Look out for more information on events on our Facebook groups, school website and the ParentMail app.

We try to be on the gate in the mornings as much as possible, so please catch us if you have any questions or just need to pass on a quick message! Teachers are also available on the playground at the end of the day if you need to arrange a longer chat.

We appreciate all of your hard work with the children at home and our aim is to nurture a strong home-school partnership, which will help the children to thrive.

**Year 3 Team**