

Chapter 3 Learning Journey

English This half term, we will be writing an approaching threat narrative using our vehicle text, 'The Iron Man', for inspiration. We will also be writing an explanation text about how to capture our very own Iron Man! In reading, we will be reading a whole class book as well as Guided Reading and comprehension exercises relating to our writing topics. Our spelling focuses will be reviewing suffixes (Year 2 revision) including *-ed*, *-ing*, *-ful* and *-less*; the 'i' sound spelt 'y' and the 'u' sound spelt 'ou'.

Mathematics This term, Year 3 pupils will develop their understanding of number and calculation. Children will strengthen their place value knowledge by working with numbers up to 1,000, including comparing, ordering and counting in different amounts. They will build confidence in addition and subtraction, learning mental and written methods and applying these skills to solve problems. Pupils will also begin exploring multiplication and division through equal groups, arrays and sharing. They will learn and practise their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, using these facts to solve calculations and develop fluency in their mathematical thinking.

Religious Education Children will be learning about Hinduism this half term. They will consider the use of stories to share beliefs and traditions, focusing on the ancient Hindu story of Rama and Sita. They will also learn about special Hindu festivals and celebrations.

History In History this half term, children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They will begin by learning about Howard Carter and his amazing discovery of ancient Egypt. They will investigate how Egyptians lived, how Egypt changed over time, what the Egyptians believed, what they believed about death and how they wrote and recorded things using hieroglyphics.

Geography In Geography, children will be learning about rivers. They will study the River Indus, looking at its journey from high up in the Himalayas, and how it grows and flows across the land to the sea. They will investigate how the river shapes the land and then look at Britain's longest river: The River Severn.

Physical Education This half term, the children will take part in Indoor Athletics, where they will learn and practise a range of events while developing their agility, speed, coordination and explosive power. During Games lessons, they will also have the opportunity to develop their skills and understanding through tag rugby, football, hockey and netball, with a focus on teamwork, movement and game play.

Music Can you feel the Heartbeat? This term Chapter 3 are revisiting pulse and rhythm and discovering the difference between them. They will explore this through practical music games and by listening to and performing lots of songs in different styles. They will learn how to write down and follow pulse at different tempos and begin to make connections between pulse and tempo - they will also perform rhythmical patterns within varying tempi.

Spanish Los Animales This half term, pupils will revise greetings and numbers 1-20. They will also practise classroom commands for use in the classroom and will have an opportunity to listen to stories, rhymes, songs and tongue twisters. They will learn the names of pets and some farmyard animals and will practise making animal nouns plural. They will discover how to recognise the gender of nouns, masculine and feminine and will practise the soft c and r phonemes. An excellent free app for practising animal vocabulary at this stage is ABC Español.

Computing This half term, we will be covering our topic Connecting Computers. We will develop our understanding of digital devices and focus on inputs, outputs and processes. We will begin by comparing digital and non-digital devices and then we will explore computer networks and network devices, such as routers and switches. We will end the unit by deepening our understanding of networks and devices on a tour of our own school network!

Science Following on from looking at naming a variety of plants in year 2, this half term, we will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of plants and looking at how flowers play a vital part in the life cycle of a flowering plant. We will move on to explain the requirements for life and growth, and how these vary between plants, as well as understanding the way in which water is transported between plants.

Art Children will learn about L.S. Lowry. They will analyse his paintings in detail and create their own Lowry inspired sketches and paintings focussing on use of colour, perspective and accurate recreation of matchstick figures.

LC+ This half term, Year 3 will be learning all about first aid. We will be looking at how to help with bites and stings, as well as understanding how to call for help if we are faced with an emergency. We will also be running as part of our fitness programme.

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