Chapter 3 Learning Journey

English

This half term, children will be reading Fox by Margaret Wild. They will explore the text and learn some impressive new vocabulary, working towards creating their own fable narratives. The children will recap grammar focuses from last half term (adjectives, similes, personification, rhetorical questions and speech punctuation) as well as looking at some new and exciting skills to make their writing fantastic. They will then learn all about information texts before writing their own information text about foxes.

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.

Spanish: Me presento

This half term, Year 3 pupils will revise numbers 1-20, in and out of order. They will revise how to ask and say their name (first person) and the names of others (third person). They will explore popular Spanish names and will say which names they like and dislike. Pupils will extend their knowledge of colours and apply this knowledge to describe zoo animals. They will have an opportunity to listen to and reenact the story Mi Mamá. Pupils will practice the 'i' and 'll' phonemes and will also take part in Spanish Christmas activities. An excellent website to practice these topics at home is www.languagenut.com or ABC Español is an excellent free app.

Religious Education: Hindu Stories

This half term, we will continue to focus on Hinduism, mainly looking at stories including Vishnu and his avatars. We will also look at the meaning and role of the Vedas and the importance of sacred knowledge in Hinduism through a number of stories too. We will also look at Vishnu's symbols, before moving on to considering the origins of Hinduism in the Indus Valley.

Science: Rocks

In this half term, we will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks, looking particularly at their appearance and physical properties. We will also be describing how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within a rock. Finally, we will be looking at soils and will be thinking about the different types of organic matter that make up certain types of soils.

Computing: Databases

Pupils will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Pupils will create physical and on-screen branching databases. To conclude the unit, they will create an identification tool using a branching database, which they will test by using it. They will also consider real-world applications for branching databases.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be exploring the topics of Winter Sports and Wonders of the World in Dance. They will have the opportunity to be creative; focusing on flexibility, balance and strength, as well as partner work and sequences to music. The pupils will continue to participate in cross country. During games lessons, children will develop their teamwork skills in invasion games.

Music:

The meaning of Christmas

Chapter 3 will use music to spread the message of Christmas time, following themes closely linked with PHSE a round charity, thoughtfulness and kindness to others. They will explore Elf the Musical and prepare a musical theatre style performance for our Christingle.

Humanities

In Geography, children will be learning about mountains. They will identify what a mountain is and explore various mountain ranges around the world. They will consider what it would be like to live in the mountains, looking closely at the Andes. Finally, back to the UK, they look at local mountain regions, such as Snowdonia. In History, the topic is 'Cradles of Civilisation'. They will learn about Mesopotamia, one of the earliest civilizations and compare this will other civilizations in Asia at the time. Children will read one of the oldest stories in the world, the Gilgamesh, full of monsters, heroes, gods and goddesses, adventures and drama. Finally, they will explore art of ancient civilizations, looking at sculptures and masks.

DT:Bunting

We will build on the sewing skills we developed in Year 2 to design, make and evaluate our own bunting. We will look at different techniques such as cutting, embroidery, sewing on buttons and tie-dye.

PSHE

This half term, our PSHE lessons will focus on the theme of *Celebrating Difference*. Children will explore what makes each of us unique and learn to appreciate and respect the differences between people. Through engaging discussions, activities and stories, pupils will develop their understanding of kindness, empathy, friendship and inclusion. They will consider how to recognise and challenge bullying, how to show respect for others, and how to celebrate the diverse qualities and experiences that make our school community special.

LC+

Chapter 3 pupils will work collaboratively to create a spectacular performance to be shared at The Christingle Concert. Pupils will use singing, movement and acting (along with their teamwork and perseverance) to rehearse and perform as an amazing cast.