



Year 3 Autumn Core Subjects Curriculum Overview

English

During the first half of term we will be focusing on The BFG.

We will be writing our own stories related to The BFG and create instructional texts also.

We will then continue in the second half term to create a diary entry based on 'The Hidden House' before creating some Christmas based writing.

Narrative (journey story)

Using the BFG as our text driver, the children will be learning about the key features of a journey story, and incorporating these within their very own 'giant' story. We will be developing some interesting vocabulary which they will use in their stories to create setting and character descriptions: looking at adverbs, adjectives and similes.

We will start to introduce some new concepts including speech and paragraphs. These skills will be developed throughout the term.

Instruction text

We will be finding out about the key features of instruction texts and when they are used. We will be exploring the use of imperative verbs and adverbs and developing our ability to use them in our own writing. We will then be creating our own detailed instructions based on the BFG and have a go at carrying out these instructions as a class.

Home task: weekly spelling tasks (Tuesday to Monday)

Maths

We will be studying:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and division.

This term, children will be learning the fundamental number skills and knowledge to help them as they enter lower key stage two. During this year, we will be focusing on three-digit numbers which include hundreds, tens and ones.

The children will be learning mental strategies to solve a range of problems and using and applying these skills in and out of the classroom.

We are becoming more confident with our times tables. Using our knowledge on times tables we will be solving problems and beginning to develop skills and awareness of written multiplication and division.

Year 3 need to learn their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables so any practice you can do at home with this is very useful. We will be sending home a copy of these times tables for your referral. It is also very helpful if you can spend some time telling the time on analogue and digital clocks with your child at home.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Science

During this term Year 3 will be studying:

- Animals (including humans)
- Light and dark

We are using the natural environment within the school grounds and the local community to inspire our investigative skills as we explore living things in their natural habitats. This will be linked to our work on the beach and our visit to Colwell and Totland Bay.

We will be looking in detail at nutrition and considering the kinds of food needed by humans and other animals to stay healthy. We will be looking at some case studies and discussing how we can make sure we have a healthy and balanced diet. We will be using the 'Change 4 Life' app in class to look at how we can make healthy swaps to ensure this.

We will also be looking at the skeletal and muscular structure of different animals and exploring how these parts of our bodies work.

We will then move on to looking at light and dark. During this topic we will be designing and carrying out a range of investigations into how shadows are created and what materials reflect light. An important part of our light topic is learning how to protect ourselves against sunlight and UV rays.

Year 3 Autumn Term Foundation Subjects Curriculum Overview



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Foundation Subjects

PE: During PE lessons we have experienced PE teachers and coaches to cover the range of activities in Key Stage 2 including circuits, tag rugby and indoor athletics.

Geography: During the first half term, our geographical skills will be concentrated on map work. We will be looking at local and worldwide maps and getting to know our local area on the Isle of Wight as well as our place within Europe and the wider world. We will be becoming more confident to locate countries on a world map and making our own maps of the local area. To extend this topic, we will be creating our own group 'vlogs' as though we were a tour guide in another country. This will enable children to learn more about other cultures and how they live.

History: During term 2, our topic work will have a history focus where we will be looking at the invention of the light bulb.

Music: We will be working alongside Mrs Redrup this term to create our own pieces of music with a 'dreams and wishes' theme.

RE: The children will be looking at the importance of 'belonging' and discussing how people can belong to different religions and groups. We will then be looking at the Christmas story nearer the end of term.

PSHE and Citizenship: The children will be watching the news to develop a greater understanding of what is happening in our world and how this affects our lives. The children will be developing their questioning and debating skills. We will also be looking at the values of our school and community and considering how we can support these in our daily lives.

Art and Design: During DT we will be creating healthy lunches for a BFG picnic to integrate our science learning based on healthy eating. Keeping to our theme of 'dreams and wishes' during term 1, Totland class will be creating their own dream boxes and looking at the work of Quentin Blake (illustrator). In term 2, children will create their own shadow puppets again linking in to our science learning and perform their very own shadow puppet play.

Additional Information

We will be inviting parents and carers in during term 1 to take part in our BFG picnic—you will be informed when a date has been organised.

As always, if you have questions, please speak to any of the team in Year 3 who will be delighted to talk to you.