



## English

This term we will be using Andy Shepherd's "The Boy Who Grew Dragons" and the Roald Dahl classics "The Twits" and "George's Marvellous Medicine" as stimuli to extend the children's reading and writing skills. In reading children will explicitly learn the skills of retrieval, clarifying, summarising and inference. In writing we will particularly be thinking about sequencing our written work effectively using paragraphs in fiction texts and headings in non-fiction texts. In addition we will hope to see children up-level their sentences with a richer vocabulary and the effective use of punctuation. There will still be weekly spellings to learn on [Spelling Shed](#) and for most children the chance to complete regular reading quizzes on [Accelerated Reader](#).

## Science & Computing

We are going to be "Rock Detectives" investigating the properties of rocks and soils and discovering how fossils are formed.

In computing children will continue to be trained in simple coding concepts such as IF/THEN commands. Children will also learn some more advanced features of apps to help them communicate effectively.

## Maths

We will begin the term by developing our knowledge of multiplication and division as inverse operations, using the relevant calculation to check our answers. We will also continue to practise rapid recall of times table facts. The Year 3 objectives are the following tables: 3, 4 & 8. These are in addition to the Year 2 objectives of 2, 5 and 10. We realise that some children find this aspect of Maths difficult but it is important to keep practising at home as well as in school. [Times Table Rock Stars](#) is set up so children can practise these at their own level and pace. Other topics for the term include, money and measurement and we will be including as many practical tasks as possible.

## History & Geography

Our Historical enquiry this term is into another invasionary force: the Conquistadors. Through this topic the children will have a chance to compare its features with the Roman invasion of Britain studied last term.

We will also be studying how volcanoes are formed and why some people even choose to live near them. Sadly, we don't plan a visit to The Ring of Fire this term!

## PE/Swimming/Forest Schools

Our P.E. day is Thursday and children should come to school in their P.E. kit on this day. Swimming and [Forest School](#) sessions will be on Mondays for 3NP and 3SP and on Fridays for 3LW and 3PC.

## PSHE & RE

In R.E. children will be considering how and why the Bible is important for Christians today and will be considering why Easter is so important. In PSHCE lessons we follow the [Jigsaw](#) scheme of work looking at the themes "Dreams and Goals" and "Healthy Me".

## MFL & Music

Children will continue studying French this term learning more key vocabulary and simple conversational phrases. In music we will be learning some new songs and instrumentations inspired by the songs "Three Little Birds" and "The Dragon Song" and we will be describing sounds and instruments using a range musical vocabulary and terms.

## Art & DT

In D.T. we shall investigate the mechanisms that have developed since Roman times to drive two-wheeled vehicles such as chariots, bicycles and even Segways. Children will then be encouraged to work in teams to design and build their own two-wheeled vehicles using an axle at its heart. In Art our focus will be on artists who have used colour effectively and children will learn to use colour mixing and blending to create a range of artworks using different media such as watercolours, pastels and acrylic paints.