YEAR 3: Spring 1 WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN THIS HALF TERM?

ENGLISH

Writing to Entertain. Folktales and Fables from around the world.
Texts to be used: Aesop's Fables, The Great Kapoc Tree.

Key Question: Why stories are such a powerful way to teach us morals.

This term, children will explore the messages and morals conveyed through stories and examine how they influence the reader. They will investigate how stories from different cultures and traditions teach valuable lessons, reflect on the emotions and responses they evoke, and discuss how these narratives shape our understanding of right and wrong. Activities will include analysing key themes in well-known tales and creating their own stories with meaningful moral messages.

MATHEMATICS

Arithmetic and reasoning problems are covered daily for the topics:

• Multiplication and Division

Children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division including 2-digits times I-digits number using the formal method.

• Measurement- Money

Children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division, including multiplying two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers using the formal written method.

SCIENCE

Plants
Key Question: What happens if one part breaks down in the cycle of a plant?

This term, children will explore the relationship between the structure and functions of different parts of a plant, such as roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. They will investigate how each part contributes to the plant's life cycle, including processes like photosynthesis, water transport, and reproduction. Through practical experiments and observations, children will learn what happens when one part of the plant's system fails and how this impacts its overall health and growth. These activities will deepen their understanding of the interconnectedness within the plant cycle.

Geography

The Rainforests: Causes and Consequences of Deforestation
Key Question: What impact does cutting down the rainforest have on animal and human life?
Place: Children will develop core knowledge of rainforests, including key facts, locations, and names, as well as their physical and human features. They will explore the unique biodiversity of these ecosystems, learning about the plants, animals, and communities that rely on rainforests for survival.
Change: Children will examine how human actions, such as deforestation, affect the environment, including loss of habitat, climate change, and its wider impact on ecosystems and human livelihoods. Through discussions, research, and case studies, they will gain a deeper understanding of the consequences of these actions and explore potential solutions to protect rainforests for future generations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCTION (RE)

Key Question:Why do people pray?

The children will learn that Christians, Muslims, and Hindus pray in various ways, using both set forms of words and more spontaneous expressions. They will explore the similarities and differences in how these three religions understand prayer and the belief that God listens to prayers. Through discussion and reflection, children will gain insight into the diverse practices and the significance of prayer in each faith.

PSHE

The children will learn about British Values and Individual Liberty, emphasising the importance of respecting everyone's differences through encouragement and understanding. They will also explore basic first aid, internet safety and potential online harms, as well as how maintaining physical fitness can help prevent illness.

ART AND DESIGN

PaintingChildren will have the opportunity to paint in the style of Henri Rousseau. They will begin by sketching their ideas, then compose and paint a picture inspired by Rousseau's distinctive techniques, using vibrant colours and bold, imaginative designs. Through this, they will explore his use of nature and bold compositions while developing their own creative skills.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Key Question:How can I use basic movements and skills learned to participate in various competitive games?The children will recognise and describe the effects of exercise on the body, understanding the importance of strength and flexibility in physical activity. They will also develop and demonstrate successful hitting and striking skills, applying these techniques in a range of competitive games.

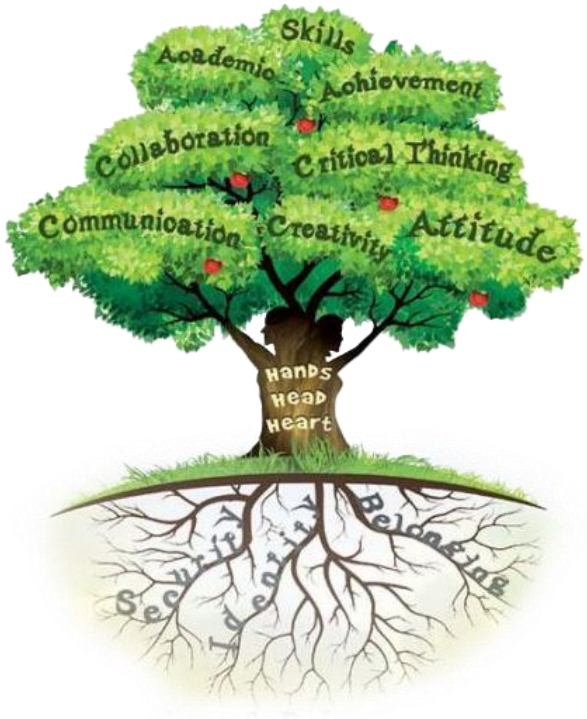
MUSIC

Charanga Music

Theme: 'Music Is a Changemaker'
Key Question: How does music make the world a better place?
In this unit, the children will compose music using their imagination, exploring themes from songs such as Your Imagination, You're A Shining Star, and Music Makes The World Go Round. They will examine how these songs convey positive messages and how music can inspire change, fostering creativity and a deeper appreciation for the role of music in society.

COMPUTING (ICT)

Unit: Touch Typing
The children will learn about the importance of maintaining good posture while typing. They will be introduced to proper finger positions and how these relate to key areas of the keyboard, developing their touch typing skills for improved speed and accuracy.



FRENCH

Unit: Food Glorious Food
In this unit, the children will learn the vocabulary for a range of foods, express their likes and dislikes, and practise counting and using plural nouns. They will also develop an understanding of food-related language while enhancing their speaking and listening skills.