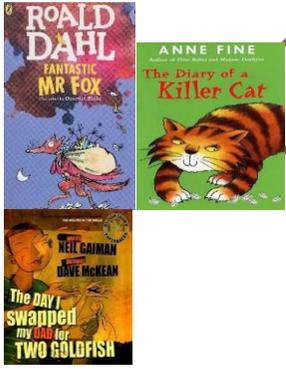
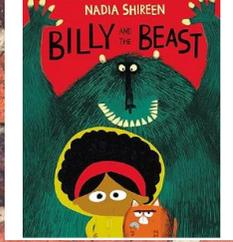


Year 3 Spring Term 1

English



We are reading...



We have three fantastic texts to inspire our writing this half term. We will write narrative fiction with the purpose of entertaining others before writing diaries and recounts.

Our Guided Reading lessons will enable us to use our VIPERS skills to explore a range of texts. Ask us what our text has been each week and what new words we have learnt. Please keep logging all your home reading on Boom Reader.

Maths

Our maths learning will continue to focus on multiplication and division, using times tables facts to solve problems. We will then move onto solving problems involving length and perimeter. Please continue to support this learning via the links on the home learning page.

Science

Children will learn how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel through different mediums at different speeds. They will explore how sounds can change in pitch and loudness and be able to explain this using scientific language. They will develop their scientific skills by planning fair test investigations to answer questions about volume.

Art

During our Art session each week, we will be learning to recognise the processes involved in creating prehistoric art and using charcoal to recreate the style of cave artists.

We will discuss the difference between prehistoric and modern paint, making choices about equipment to recreate features of prehistoric art and experimenting with colours and textures.



Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be doing a local area study focusing on the city of Portsmouth. We will utilise physical atlases and Digimap software to: describe where Portsmouth is in terms of latitude and longitude; compare the land use, size, culture and population to Fernhurst; how the geography of the area has changed over time and what factors led to it being like it is today; then what the Portsmouth of tomorrow might look like.

PE

During our weekly PE lesson on a **Thursday**, children will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and **fitness**.

Our second PE session will be **Woodland Adventures** on a **Friday afternoon**. Please come to school dressed for the afternoon in the forest with full waterproofs and a change of clothes in their bags.

Music

In Music, we will be developing our singing technique: learning to recognise minims, crotchets and quavers; performing rhythms accurately from notation and layering them to create a composition; adding appropriate sound effects to performances using un-tuned percussion.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will learn about: how to be safe around medicine; helping someone in need; and stealing.

In RE, we will develop our understanding of Good and Evil through learning about a Hindu story and celebrations of *Holi*.

Computing

During computing sessions, we will develop our understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one.

Having used yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects, we will create physical and on-screen branching databases.

Dates

Every Friday – Woodland Adventures

2nd Jan – INSET day

3rd Jan – First day back at school

5th Jan – Family Read

8th Jan – Starry Night Explore Dome

9th Jan – Science Explorer Workshop

9th Feb – Celebration Assembly

9th Feb – Open Classroom event 2:30

12th – 16th Feb – Half Term

**Save the date: Thursday 28th March at 2pm.
Our Y3 and Y4 children will be putting on
The Easter Pantomime!**