Year: 3

Autumn Term

Overview

Climates and River



Our Big Question:

How can learning about the **past** make for a more **peaceful future**?



This term, we will be learning:



- **Science:** We will investigate rocks, fossils and soils. *For example, we will compare different types of rocks.*
- **History:** We will learn about the history of the River Thames. *For example, we will explore how it has changed over time.*
- **Design & Technology:** We will learn about healthy eating and the benefits of eating seasonally. *For example, we will prepare a healthy food using seasonal ingredients.*
- **Art:** We will develop our drawing skills using different techniques. *For example, we will practise shading and sketching.*
- **Religious Education:** We will learn why Jesus is important to Christians and discuss who inspires us. *For example, we will explore Bible stories and role models.*
- **Computing:** We will explore how technology is used in everyday life. *For example, we will identify digital devices and their uses.*
- **PSHE:** We will learn about emotional wellbeing and healthy relationships. *For example, we will practise recognising and talking about our feelings.*
- **Physical Education:** We will develop our passing, catching and shooting skills in Tag Rugby and Netball. *For example, we will work together in team games.*
- **French:** We will learn French greetings and the alphabet. *For example, we will introduce ourselves in French.*

Other Information:

- This term, we hope to welcome a visitor to school to lead a **Rocks, Fossils and Soils** workshop, giving the children a hands-on opportunity to deepen their understanding of this topic.
- We also hope to welcome **Father Martin** to school, who will talk to the children about the importance of Jesus to Christians and help enrich their learning in Religious Education.

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English

In English, we will be reading *The Lost Thing* by **Shaun Tan** and developing our skills in:

- Writing engaging narratives, including the accurate use of speech punctuation.
- Expanding and developing vocabulary.
- Improving grammar, spelling and handwriting skills.

Maths

In Mathematics, we will be learning about:

- Number and place value.
- Formal written methods for addition and subtraction.
- Multiplication and division, including the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Additionally, we will be practising our arithmetic skills everyday.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about **Rocks, Fossils and Soils** and **Light**.

We will explore different types of rocks and their properties, investigate how fossils and soils are formed, and develop our understanding of the importance of light in everyday life.

Guided Reading

3A - The Owl Who's Afraid of the Dark by *Jill Tomlinson*
3B - Not Bad for a Bad Lad by *Michael Morpurgo*
3C - Matilda by *Roald Dahl*



You might like to join in with our learning at home by...

Suggested Reading:

- Non-fiction texts to research facts about rocks, fossils and soils
- Non-fiction texts about Climates
- **Somebody swallowed Stanley** - by *Sarah Roberts*
- **Life on the Thames -** by *Emma Shoard*

Watching:

Horrible Histories, Our planet, Walking with Dinosaurs, Wall-E and Puff: Wonders of the Reef

Websites:

- BBC Bitesize - KS2 Geography Climates
- Thames Explorer Trust
- National Geographic
- Science Sparks – Light Experiments

Experiencing:

Make a vegetable soup using seasonal ingredients, Carve a pumpkin, visit The Horniman Museum and Gardens, Royal Observatory Greenwich and Museum of London Docklands.

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