

Year 3 and 4
Spring 1 2024



All Around the World!



Our 'All around the World' Unit will allow children to take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations.

Children will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, by looking more closely at the lines of longitude, children will develop their understanding of time zones.

English

Firstly the children will be finishing their poems based on a piece of Art, inspired by Grace Nichol's 'Paint me a poem'.

Children will then be focusing on Fairytales from other characters perspectives within the story. Children will listen to alternative stories of 'The three little pigs' from the perspective of the wolf. They will have to revise the dialogue from the story, punctuation as well as learning how to use 'perfect form.

Maths

This half-term, Year 3 will; Learn new strategies to work out multiplication and division questions, revise different types of money as well as converting money, begin looking at statistics (Pictograms, tables and bar charts)

Year 4 will; continue learning new strategies to work out multiplication and division questions, revise area and perimeter and begin to learn about fractions (Equivalent fractions, improper fraction and adding them or subtracting them)

Science

States of Matter

This half-term, we will learn all about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties.

The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the ideal temperature to melt chocolate. They will explore in-depth how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, they will learn about the stages of the water cycle, creating mini water worlds and an interactive water wheel to represent the different stages.

RE

This half-term we are focusing on the key aspects of Christianity. This will include where it originated from, special festivals and places of worship.

Spanish

We will learn all about Spanish towns. We will also learn to describe places in a town, count to 100 and give our address in Spanish.

Art and Design

We will focus on European artists by exploring the work of artists Anselm Kiefer, Michelangelo and Salvador Dali.

PE

During PE will be learning the basic skills players need to learn to be able to play Hockey. The children will learn how to pass, receive and travel with the ball as well as tackle and shoot.

Geography

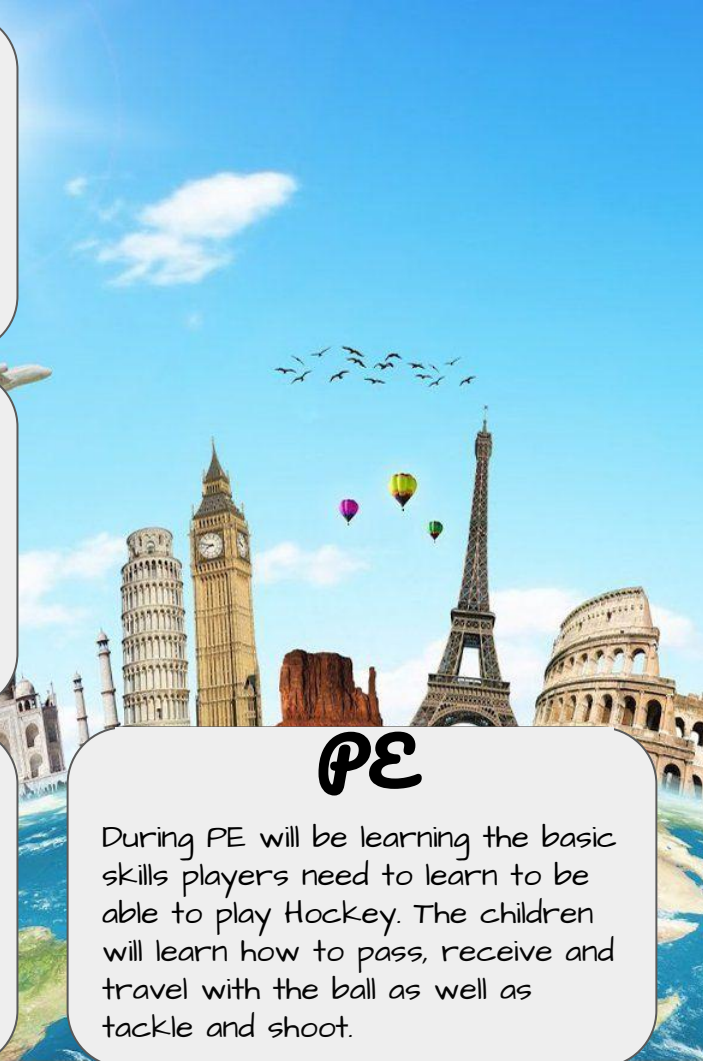
We will begin to learn about the geography of the world. Alongside this, we will learn about the water cycle and explore the processes of evaporation and condensation.

Computing

We will be creating and debugging algorithms using both Turtle Logo and Scratch using basic commands.

PSHE

Our topic of One World will focus on the lives of children around the world. We will learn about equality and compare the lives of these children to our own.



Additional Information

Homework

Homework will be given out every **Monday** and is due back in the following **Monday**.

It will consist of at least 1 maths and 1 reading piece. A list of spellings will be given on Friday to practise for the following Friday's spelling test.

Children should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes daily and this should be written into their reading records.

PE

PE lessons will continue on a Wednesday. Please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform.

Key Dates

Thursday 4th January - Pupils return to school
Tuesday 9th January - LAMDA lessons resume
Thursday 11th January - Football Club resumes
Friday 12th January - Jujitsu Club resumes
Monday 15th - Friday 19th January - World Religion Week
Friday 26th - January Holocaust Memorial Day
Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 6th February - Internet Safety Day
School Choir perform at Young Voices