



## Year 3 Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Summary for Parents

Happy new year! We are looking forward to working alongside of you throughout this term to ensure the children will have a positive learning experience. Below is a summary of what we will be covering throughout the term:

### **Religious Education**

In RE, our topics for this term will be **Journeys, Listening & Sharing and Giving All**. The children will be learning about how our Church's year is split into different seasons and that these seasons have special significance for different reasons. Throughout **Listening & Sharing** the children will be beginning to study the Eucharist – the service as well as how it came about. Finally, throughout **Giving All**, the children will explore how much Jesus gave for us in the lead up to Easter.

### **English**

In Speaking and Listening children will be encouraged to develop their ability to speak aloud with intonation, to control their volume when speaking and to develop their ability to express their emotions. Children will have the opportunity to work in pairs, groups and independently where they will be encouraged to express their views throughout the lesson.

In Reading we will have a particular focus on information retrieval. Children will be exposed to a wide variety of texts which is on a weekly rotational cycle of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

In Writing children will be learning to write a fable style narrative based on the story of "Fox" by Margaret Wild and Ron Books. The children will also be looking at how to write an information report based on a text.

In Handwriting children are expected to begin to join their handwriting, ensuring correct letter formation.

### **Mathematics**

In Maths we will be exploring multiplication & division, looking at how to multiply using the column method. We will move onto money followed by statistics, where we will be interpreting pictograms as well as bar charts. We will also explore length, perimeter and fractions during Spring 2.

### **Science**

Our Science topics this term will begin with Forces & Magnets where we will look at magnets and their uses, and what makes magnetic poles special, along with the idea that some forces such as magnetic force can act without contact. In Spring 2 we will look at the topic of How Does Your Garden Grow. In this topic, the children will learn about the different parts of a plant, what plants need to live, water transportation in plants as well as pollination.

### **Computing**

In Computing children will continue to develop their digital literacy by looking at how to stay safe online. The children will also look at programming where they must sequence with a code.

### **History**

In History, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they have studied in the Autumn term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.

### **Geography**

In Geography, the children will be studying the topic of **Our World**. The children will begin to understand the Earth better as a sphere, learning to rotate it mentally in 3-D. They will explore its representation in 2-D maps, and learn about the imaginary lines used (Equator, latitude, longitude, tropics and the International Date Line) to pinpoint global locations.

### **Art & Design and Design Technology**

This term we will be exploring the Bronze Age and consider how we can create art pieces linked to the theme. We have paid particular interest to the Nebra sky disc.

### **Music**

The children will continue to develop their understanding of pitch, rhythm and the beat. Children will explore these fundamental elements of music by way of vocals and the recorder.

### **PSHE**

Children will be developing their understanding of mental health and emotional wellbeing and children will explore their strengths and challenges. Additionally, the children will explore the topic of Identity, Society and Equality where the children will celebrate difference.

**Spanish** In Spanish, children will continue to develop their knowledge of fundamental vocabulary by introducing Spanish dictionaries. Children will explore the topic of animals.

### **PE**

In PE children will be developing skills within, dance, tag-rugby, basketball and gymnastics. A reminder that children are asked to come to school dressed in their PE kit on Tuesdays. On Thursdays, children should come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag.

This is a very brief overview of what we will be learning during Spring. We encourage you to engage and take interest of your child's learning. Thank you for all the hard work and effort you have contributed thus far!

The Year 3 Team.