



Year 3 – Spring Term

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a wonderful, restful Christmas holiday and managed to relax with friends and family. We now look forward to an exciting new term full of fun and learning.

Remember to look at all our latest events and news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> for updates and information about all the fun learning that we get up to in Year 3!

Important Dates:

Tuesday 16th January – River Trust talk

Thursday 18th January - Rock Kidz Day (dress up as Rock Star)

Tuesday 6th February – Online safety day

Thursday 8th February- School Disco (KS2 4.30-5.30pm)

Friday 9th February – Own clothes day

Monday 19th February - STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)

Thursday 22nd February – Y3 Geography Fieldwork

Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening

Monday 4th March – Book Week

Monday 11th March – Y3 & Y4 Class Assembly @2.15pm

Thursday 28th March: Own Clothes Day

Thursday 28th March- Finish for Easter

English

This half term, we will be reading Aesop's fables and using this as inspiration to write our own fables. We will learn what a moral is and how these play an instrumental part in all of Aesop's fables. We will then plan and write our own setting and character descriptions, before planning and writing a plot for a fable of our own. We will learn new writing skills and apply them to our independent writing. We will learn how to use inverted commas and use them in our stories. We will also use prepositions to express time such as before, after and during. Furthermore, we will learn to use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the past tense to show an action has been completed (for example, 'He has gone to the shop', rather than, 'He went to the shop').

We will continue to use Spelling Shed to learn our spellings, looking at 'ai' and 'aigh', 'ei and 'eigh', words where 'ey' makes an /ai/ sound and words with the suffix '-ly'. The children will be able to access a new spelling every week on the Spelling Shed app so please give your child time to access this at home whenever possible. If you are unsure of the login details, please contact school.

Reading

Throughout the term, we will be reading 'Charlie Changes into a Chicken' by Sam Copeland. We will use the text to learn how to retrieve information, build inference skills, expand our vocabulary knowledge, summarise and predict future events.

We will also be reading the non-fiction text, 'Where Does My Food Come From?' by Annabel Karmel. We will use the text to investigate new vocabulary, retrieve answers from the text and summarise.

French

This term, our topics will be 'Les Instruments'. We will learn new vocabulary linked with both and develop our writing skills in French.

Maths

In maths, we are learning multiplication and division facts. We will be learning the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. We will be learning how to use arrays effectively when calculating multiplications and learn the difference between sharing and grouping when dividing. We will then learn different strategies to enable us to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and divide numbers with a remainder.

Science

This half term we will continue to be investigating animals including humans. We will be learning about the nutritional needs of animals and humans. We will learn about how animals and humans cannot make their own food, but get their nutrition from what they eat.

PSHE

This term's unit will cover our 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will learn about who is responsible for keeping us safe and healthy, how different people in school and our community help us to stay safe and healthy and recognise how the media can influence our views on certain topics.

Computing

This term will be learning about coding. We will discover what coding is, how to create our own instructions to move a sprite and how to 'debug' our instructions when errors occur.

Music

This term we will be linking music with our English by using instruments to create a piece of music to accompany a fable. We will learn what the pentatonic scale is and use this to create our own piece of music.

Topic

This term, our geography topic will be on rivers and canals. We will look at the local geography and discover what and where our local rivers are. We will learn about the different features of a river and how they are formed. We will then look at the main rivers of the UK and in what counties they are found.

In history we will learn about how the industrial revolution impacted on Chorley. We will learn what the industrial revolution was, how railways changed and influenced this period of time, what the key events are in the history of Chorley's railway and what the railway has done for our town.

Art and DT

In DT this term we will be learning construction. We will be linking our work to our geography topic of rivers by constructing a working bridge. We will learn how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce our structure. We will gain experience of using hack saws to cut wood and doweling and use a glue gun to join materials.

RE

This half term we will be exploring Islam. We will be learning about the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). We will be exploring the question, 'Why is the Prophet Muhammed an example for Muslims?' We will learn about the story of Muhammed and explore the third pillar of Islam (Zakat) and learn about why Muslims carry out this practise.

PE

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this half-term as we have Chorley SSP in to teach us dance to a superhero theme. We will also be learning a variety of kicking skills that can be applied to game situations.