

Lydgate Junior School

Curriculum Overview

Year 3 Spring term 2

The theme for this half term is...

What is the Geography of the UK?

English

We will be focussing on adventure stories this half term. The children will read several short stories and consider how the author builds a sense of excitement and anticipation. They will collect words and phrases to use in their writing, then they will plan and write their own stories. Look out for the 'story in a shoebox' homework task in week 2 that will help them with their ideas and planning for writing. The grammar focus for this half term is using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause. For our book study, we will be reading *Oliver and the Seawigs* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. You can help at home by encouraging your child to continue to read a range of stories, and by talking to them about their own story ideas.



Maths

To start the half term, the children will learn about length and perimeter. After this, we will begin our work on fractions. This will involve lots of practical work splitting the whole into equal parts and comparing different sizes and shapes. You can help at home by practising quick recall of the times tables, particularly 3x, 4x and 8x, including the related division facts. You could also practise measuring length using different units of measurement (mm, cm, m).



Science

Our science topic is Rocks. The children will start by observing and describing different rocks and will learn about how rocks are formed. They will see some amazing rock formations in the cave when they visit Poole's Cavern. Next, they will learn about how fossils are made and find out about Mary Anning's contribution to palaeontology. This topic will continue next half term.



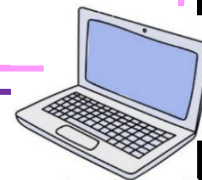
Geography

The children will start by looking at maps of the United Kingdom and some human and physical landmarks in each of the four countries. They will compare different locations. They will learn more about how to read maps, including OS map symbols, simple grid references and contour lines. Following a visit to Poole's Cavern in Buxton, the children will look at OS maps of the area to follow the route they walked.



Religious Education

This half term, we will identify some beliefs about God in Islam, expressed in Surah 1. The children will make links between beliefs about God and ibadah (worship) and how this links to prayer, fasting, celebrating and the intention to live out the five pillars of Islam.



RRS

This half term, the children will be reading and discussing a selection of books, including: *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison, *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna, *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali, *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love. They will consider the Rights of the Child and whether/how those rights are being respected in the stories.



Art & Design Technology

The focus for this half term is drawing. The children will concentrate on tone and will make observational drawings of ammonites. They will carefully observe the dark, medium and light tones and will try to recreate these in pencil and ink. We will then begin our new DT project on textiles which will continue into next term.



Other Subjects

Computing – Use simple block coding to create conditional events.
PE – Athletics, Gymnastics: pathways, stretching and curling.
Music – Learn to play the glockenspiel in time.
PSHE – Friendship and family.
Spanish – Days of the week and saying the date.

Enrichment Activities

6-3-25 World Book Day
11-3-25 or 12-3-25 Trips to Poole's Cavern
21-3-25 Red Nose Day
28-3-25 Celebrating the school's 50th anniversary with a 1975 day (more details to follow)

