



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Summary of Objectives for Year 3

For your information we have outlined below some of the topics that will be covered this term in Year 3. We have already made a good start to our studies and we feel sure that you will make every effort to assist and encourage your child as this term progresses.

This term our work will also be influenced by the topic of **Europe, Greece and the Ancient Greeks**.

Literacy

- Performance Poetry. Poems by Christina Rossetti.
- Non-fiction report writing answering the question *Where would you like to live?*
- Playing with words poetry. Poems by Christina Rossetti and Roger McGough.
- Fiction Unit. The Dragon Slayer. Writing a legend.
- Using apostrophes for word contractions.
- Prepositions and word families.

Maths

- Review of collecting and presenting data using pictograms and bar charts;
- Identifying right angles and types of turn;
- Drawing 2-D shapes and measuring the perimeter;
- Adding 2- and 3-digit numbers;
- Finding equivalent fractions and positioning fractions on a 0 to 1 line;
- Solving one and two-step problems;
- Written methods of addition and subtraction, using partitioning;
- Time and calculating time intervals;
- Written multiplication.
- Mental addition, subtraction.
- Mental multiplication and division.
- Doubling and halving





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Science

This half term the children will be learning about **The parts of plants**. This topic will include learning the names of the parts of flowering plants and describing the function of these parts.

After half term the children will be learning about **Movement and Feeding** focusing on what humans and animals need to survive and grow.

History and Geography

This half term the children will be taught about **Europe** and **Greece**. They will learn to locate countries using an atlas and look for geographical similarities and differences between Greek islands and Scottish islands. After half term the children will be focusing on the Ancient Greeks. They will study Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

PSHE & Citizenship

This term the children will be focusing on feelings and relationships.

Art and Design and Technology

This half term the children will undertake a design and make project to create a shield and weapon for a Greek warrior! After half term they will be exploring Greek art and architecture, focusing on sculpture.

Computing

This term the children will be studying Algorithms.

P.E.

P.E. is taught on a Monday and Friday. On Mondays the children are taught by Miss Dunn. This half term the children will be developing netball skills. After half term they will be completing outdoor adventurous activities. On Fridays the children are taught by Mr Morgan, qualified sports coach. Your child should have his/her PE kit in school every day. It is a statutory requirement that all children must participate in games sessions. If your child does not have their kit in on a games day then they will have to participate in the session in their school uniform and school shoes. If your child has a genuine medical reason why they cannot take part in a games session then a note must be provided.

Music

The children will have hymn practice on a Wednesday afternoon, half class recorder lessons on a Thursday morning, followed by a whole class music lesson with Mrs. Price each week. The children also have the opportunity to join and perform in the school choir.

Music ongoing skills: Enjoy making, playing, changing and combining sounds. Experiment with ways of producing sounds - voice, instruments, technology, body sounds. Sing in tune within a limited pitch range. Perform with a good sense of pulse and rhythm. Increased understanding and use of basic musical features e.g. dynamics, tempo, pitch. Begin to recognise a link between shape and pitch using graphic notations. Demonstrate understanding of the differences between pulse and rhythm. Reading, recognising, memorising and joining in a variety of songs for assemblies and services and beginning to be able to sing in parts.



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Pitch and structure music topics:

The children will learn songs from China and France. They will explore pentatonic scales and notating pitch. Listening to traditional Chinese music. Sing, read and compose music. Learn French greetings, vocabulary and numbers.

French

This term the children will be learning French songs and games, the children will also be looking at celebrations.

Religious Education

Throughout the year the class will focus on the religions of **Christianity** and **Islam**. This term the children will learn about key events in the life of Jesus, Lent and Easter.

What do we expect of you?

You can help and support us by:

- Listening to your child read each evening.
- Discuss the books your child is reading.
- Assisting your child with research and other studies as appropriate.
- Ensuring that your child has their PE kit in school.
- Practicing the weekly spelling rule with your child.
- Spellings will be tested on Friday.
- Practicing times tables.

Who will be working with your children this term?

Miss Dunn is the class teacher. We are also fortunate to have the expertise of Mrs Clarke, Mrs Eames, Mrs Curran, Mrs Harley, Mrs Harris and Mrs Kotecha working with us in the role of Teaching Assistants.

If, at any stage, you have questions or require further clarification relating to any aspect of your child's school activities, please do not hesitate to come into school and speak with me in the first instance. I have appreciated your support and assistance so far this academic year and I am confident that you will continue to work with us to ensure that your child has a happy and successful term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Dunn
Year 3 Teacher