



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring Term 1

Year

3

Literacy and Numeracy

In Literacy, we will begin the term by writing non-chronological reports on Brilliant Buildings Around the World. In our second topic, we will write an explanation text about our own inventions, based on Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. In our Three Little Birds topic, we will write non-chronological reports about different genres of music. The children will also have weekly topic-based reading sessions which will develop their comprehension skills and grammar lessons which will support their writing.

In numeracy we will continue our multiplication and division topic. We will apply our times tables knowledge by solving formal written methods and reasoning problems.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: Brilliant Buildings (Art)

In Art, we will be learning to use different tones of colour. We will use different grades of pencils to produce observational drawings of buildings. We will compare and contrast pieces of artwork and think critically about our artwork and review our ideas.

Week 3 and 4 : Junkyard Challenge (Design Technology)

In D and T, we will also design, create and analyse our own bird feeders. The children will choose materials based on their appearance and properties and select appropriate tools.

Week 5 & 6: Three Little Birds (Music)

In Music, we will be learning to find the pulse and develop our understanding of rhythm. We will also learn about the famous musician, Bob Marley and the genre, Reggae.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of Service in our Collective Worship, Class Worship and prayers. We will also be studying how festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims.

Physical Education

Over the next few weeks, our indoor PE will have a gymnastics focus where the children will be combining balances and different ways of travelling to create their own routines. We will also be learning hockey skills in outdoor PE.

Computing

We will be using ICT to learn how to create and develop simulations. We will use the computers to develop our topic knowledge and improve our keyboard skills.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' we value the link between home and school and recognise the important role that parental support plays in the progress made by children. Take a look at the Year 3 page on the school website and complete the homework tasks that have been suggested. Sign your child's planner each week so that it can be checked on Fridays. Additional homework will sometimes be given to support children with their learning at school. Children are to wear PE kit to school on Tuesday and Friday.