

YEAR 3 – Autumn 1

Get Set for Life

New Beginnings

We will explore themes including New Beginnings, mental health and restorative practice, and caring friendships. We will learn about families and people who care for them, as well as identity, society and equality, including democracy. We will also take part in Black History Month learning focused on Rosa Parks, a police visit linked to Halloween and Bonfire Night safety, and Dementia Friends training to develop understanding, empathy and respect for others.

Geography

Rivers and the water cycle

We will be exploring rivers and the water cycle in geography. We will learn how rivers are formed, the different stages of a river and how water moves around the world through processes such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We will develop our understanding of how the water cycle shapes the environment and supports life on Earth.

DT

Sunglasses cases

We will be exploring textiles, focusing on how 2D designs can be developed into a 3D product. We will design and make a sunglasses case, developing ideas from initial sketches through to a finished product. We will learn and apply stitching skills, selecting and using suitable materials and techniques to create a functional and well-finished textile item.

English

We will be reading *The Scarab's Secret*: an exciting portal story inspired by Ancient Egypt. Using this imaginative text as inspiration, we will explore mysterious settings, ancient artefacts and magical journeys between worlds. We will create descriptive setting narratives and write portal stories from the perspective of a main character discovering a hidden world. Through these tasks, we will develop our skills in using ambitious vocabulary, building suspense, describing atmosphere and structuring engaging narratives effectively.

Maths

We will be learning to add and subtract across 10. We will focus on developing efficient mental and written strategies to solve calculations accurately and confidently. We will also explore number relationships to help us understand how numbers change when adding and subtracting, building fluency and problem-solving skills.

PE

Basketball

We will develop our skills in basketball, focusing on key techniques such as dribbling, passing, shooting and moving into space. We will learn how to apply these skills in small-sided games, working both individually and as part of a team. We will also develop our understanding of teamwork, rules and fair play while improving our coordination, control and confidence in a competitive environment.

Computing

Systems and Networks

We will be exploring systems and networks in computing, focusing on input and output devices. We will learn how computers receive, process and output information, and identify a range of common devices and their functions. We will develop our understanding of how these components work together within a computer system.

RE

Creation and Covenant

We will explore the theme of Creation and Covenant. We will learn about religious beliefs surrounding the creation of the world and the idea of promises or agreements made between God and people. We will develop our understanding through stories, discussion and reflection, considering how these beliefs influence the way people live and treat the world.

Spanish

Self, family and friends

We will be developing our Spanish speaking and listening skills by learning how to say our name, age, feelings and where we live. We will also learn numbers 1–10, body parts and colours, building confidence in using simple vocabulary and phrases through songs, games and conversations.

Science

Plants

In science, pupils will explore plants, learning about the different parts of a plant and their functions. They will investigate what plants need to grow and stay healthy, and observe how plants change over time. Pupils will also develop their skills in making careful observations and recording simple results.

Music

R&B

We will explore the song *Let Your Spirit Fly*, focusing on the style of R&B. We will learn about rhythm, pulse and pitch, and develop our singing skills through performance and listening activities. We will also explore how music can express emotion and build confidence when performing as part of a group.