

English:

This half term we are going to be sharing an environmental story by Michael Morpurgo that raises the issue of why we should protect our natural resources. We will be undertaking some drama techniques to help us retell the story as well as writing a character profile. The unit will end with the children writing their own story that raises dilemmas and issues. We will also be looking at some non-fiction writing that looks at alternative energy. The children will be journalists and interview someone about solar energy and why we should be looking at using renewable resources. This unit will end with the children writing a discussion text. We continue to ask the children to read every night and write a comment in their reading record. The red words that we are working on in class are: **could, should, would, what, where, when, why, said, some, your**. Please could we ask you to help your child to learn these spellings so that they can transfer this into their own writing.

French

In French we will be revising how to give simple information about ourselves and colours. We will begin to experiment with writing and learn the names of fruits and food items. We will also be thinking about social conventions at home and in other cultures.

PSHE

The PSHE topic for this term will be 'Good to be Me.' The children will recognise the things they are good at with pride, rather than embarrassment. We will explore methods of assertiveness, and strategies for dealing with worries.

ICT

This half term, the children will be focussing on improving their word processing skills. They will be typing up science results and conclusions, and will be expected to use the spellchecker, delete and cut and paste. They will also be expected to improve a piece of text by using the find and replace tool.

Music

The topic this term is 'Painting with Sounds' where the children will compose music relating to pictures. They will learn music from the orchestra and play as a team. The children will listen to and sing songs about the natural world.

Art/ DT

The main part of our 'ECO Energy' topic will be a DT project. The children will consolidate and extend their knowledge of electricity to make their own wind turbines. We have high hopes that these will work to generate a little electricity of our own!

P.E.

We will continue to do gymnastics this term, in which the children will be learning how different body parts are capable of transferring and receiving body weight. We will also brave the elements and work on striking and fielding skills outside.

Maths:

This term we will be looking at movement - using the language of position, direction and movement. We will also be looking at fractions and time, and using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams to sort data and objects. We will, of course, continue to look at doubles, halves, counting on, near multiples, finding differences, word problems, addition and subtraction facts and using mental strategies. We will continue to test the children on their times tables this term. We count in different steps during most maths lessons and are using our tables all of the time. Please could you help your child to learn their **2, 3, 4 and 5 times table** as this will help them with their work considerably.



How are we responsible for the world? Class 3

Energy

Geography/History/Eco/Global

We will use the theme of electricity to explore global and environmental issues surrounding energy. The children will find out about the ways in which electricity is produced, looking at the concept of sustainable energy. We will find out how to conserve energy, and discover why this is so important in today's society.

Science

This term we will be learning a lot about electricity through our Literacy and topic work. During our Science lessons, the children will recap on their knowledge of circuits and carry out investigations into the conductivity of different materials. They will also investigate the use of switches and make their own.

R.E.

We will be learning about the power of God in the Life of Moses, focusing on the Ten Commandments. We will then look at the importance of Easter for Christians.