

English

Literacy is going to be changing a little this term. Instead of having small group Guided Reading, we will be introducing 'The Big Read'. All of the children in the class will be reading our class text, **A Series of Unfortunate Events; The Reptile Room**. We are quite excited about sharing this book as it is really well written and we know the children will love it!

We will use this book to explore our heroes and villains theme; we shall look at the way the author has created the setting using 'show, not tell, clues'. We will also look closely at the main characters and the way that they have been described. The authorial voice is quite strong throughout this book, and we will be encouraging the children to write a text where they mimic this style. There will be many opportunities for the children to examine the language used and for them to build on and extend their own vocabulary.

As we enter rehearsal weeks, we will use our text as a stimulus for teaching target-focussed lessons.

Music

This term we will be having music with Mrs Fairhurst. As the Christmas Concerts start to loom, we shall begin to learn the songs from **Pantomime Pandemonium**

Art/ DT

Initially we will create super hero logos in pop art style. We will create onomatopoeia bubbles (POW, BANG...) in the same pop art style. We will use these, along with photos of ourselves dressed as a hero, to create a cartoon/pop art style self-portrait.

P.E.

Miss Kerr and Mr Hand will be teaching **Invasion Games** outside with the children. Please make sure that your child has warm outdoor PE clothing. **Gymnastics** - the children will explore balances, rolls and travelling. They will work with a partner to create a sequence with specific criteria.

Maths

Maths homework will be sent home on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on a **Monday**. However, the children may hand it in on any day up until then. Please continue to help your child with their maths target; **by the end of Year 4, all children will be expected to know all of their times tables.**

In addition to this we will cover the following maths topics in class:

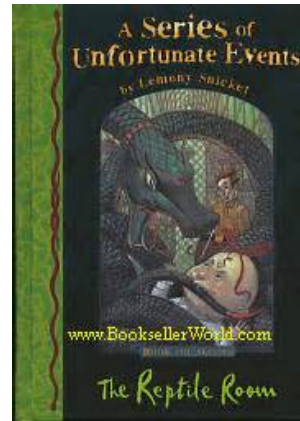
- Multiplication and division.
- Word problems and puzzles.
- Time reading and time intervals.
- Venn and Carroll diagrams.
- Reading and converting measures.
- 2D and 3D shape.

French

This term, Class 3 will be consolidating and developing their knowledge of conversational French. As well as using lots of role play and group work, we will also use the iPads to create our own French comic strips and record puppet shows.

RE

The children will be reflecting on the meaning of Remembrance and responding by writing a poem about World War 1 honouring the soldiers that died. In response to studying the Hindu Festival of Diwali the children will create a piece of art work which will depict good triumphing over evil.



Heroes and Villains

PSHE

The theme for this term is 'Getting on and Falling out.' Together we will explore the qualities that make a good friend, along with developing strategies to deal with disagreements peacefully and respectfully. We will focus on considering other people's feelings before we act, understanding how the things we do and say not only affect ourselves, but also other people, especially if we are angry or upset.

Geography/History/Eco/Global

Our 'Heroes and Villains' topic will be closely linked to our literacy focus, beginning by considering the qualities that make a hero, and also a villain. We will find out about real life role models and well known people who fit into both categories, exploring heroic acts and characteristics through drama. From this we will move into more imaginative work, exploring the depiction of superheroes through film and comic books, looking at realistic and unrealistic situations. This work will naturally lead into the themes of our pantomime, exploring good and evil and the fight between the two.

Science

This term we are going to be focusing on sound. The children will be learning about what sound is, how sound travels and how we can hear sound. We will explore instruments, make kazoo's, learn about volume and explore using materials to reduce sound. The children will set up their own class radio station, <http://mixlr.com/bnps-radio>, and will let you know when we are ready to broadcast our first show...don't forget to tune in!

Computing

This term, Class 3 will be learning to use Garage Band to make their own music. They will also be introduced to using the mixlr app in preparation for broadcasting their own radio show: <http://mixlr.com/bnps-radio>