



Bradwell Village School

Year Three Newsletter

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Subject Overviews

English

The children will begin by creating their own narrative fairy tales, developing imaginative settings, characters and plots. They'll then move on to writing a newspaper report all about the eruption of Pompeii, using facts and powerful language to bring the event to life. Finally, they'll step into the shoes of Mary Anning as they write a diary entry inspired by her remarkable discoveries.



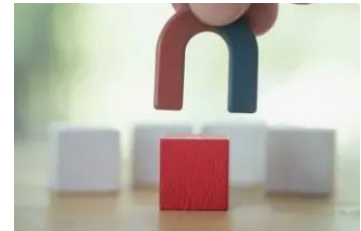
Maths

The children will build their confidence with multiplication and division, including multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, both with and without exchange. They'll explore length and perimeter through practical measuring activities, deepen their understanding of fractions and develop key skills in comparing and measuring mass and capacity. We will use our Back-to-Basics sessions to develop rapid mental recall of sequences of numbers, number bonds and times tables. Each week we will either have a problem-solving lesson, where we will learn and practise a range of strategies to solve logic problems, or we will consolidate our written methods. We will also develop our arithmetic skills through our Back-to-Basics sessions.



Science

Children will discover what forces are by investigating pushes, pulls and friction through fun, hands-on activities. They'll use force meters; test how different surfaces affect movement and learn how contact forces work. We'll then dive into the world of magnetism, exploring bar magnets, magnetic attraction and repulsion, and even the Earth's own magnetic field. The children will test objects to see which are magnetic and will use their new knowledge to make their very own compasses.



Computing

In Computing, we're staying safe and getting creative! The children will learn how to spot online scams, stay safe when communicating and know what to do if something feels wrong. They'll explore a new programming tool to discover how commands and sequences work, creating simple projects and experimenting with how they look. Later, they'll jump into animation, planning ideas, creating sequences of images and improving their work by adding fun extra media.

Games/PE

In Games and PE, we'll be developing a range of skills for invasion games, learning how to move, pass and work together effectively. The children will also build their skills in hockey and handball, practising techniques, playing small-sided games and improving their teamwork and control.

Music

In Music, we're getting creative and performing with confidence! The children will compose their own simple melodies using the notes C, D and E, and use these in a class performance inspired by Let Your Spirit Fly. They'll take part by singing, playing instruments, improvising or performing their own compositions. Afterwards, they'll listen back to the recording and share their thoughts and feelings about their performance.

RE

In RE, we're exploring miracles and the Easter story. The children will think about what a miracle is and learn how Christians understand some of Jesus' healing miracles, such as helping the blind man, the paralysed man and the man with leprosy. They'll also talk about things people today might call miracles and whether there could be other explanations, as well as imagine a miracle they'd love to see in the world. As we move toward Easter, the children will explore why Jesus' death is important to Christians, looking at events from the Last Supper to Good Friday, and reflect on how stories of rescue, help and hope can inspire people today.

PSHE

In PSHE, we're learning how to support others, stay calm and tackle challenges. The children will explore how to solve problems, use kind words, help in bullying situations and give and receive compliments. They'll also work on setting goals, recognising their strengths, overcoming obstacles and managing tricky feelings, while celebrating their successes along the way.

History

The children will learn about Mary Anning, the 19th-century palaeontologist whose fossil finds - especially the first complete Ichthyosaur - changed scientific understanding of the natural world. They'll also discover the story of Pompeii, an ancient Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 and explore why this incredibly well-preserved site is so important to archaeologists today.



Geography

In Geography, the children will explore the fascinating structure of the Earth, learning about its layers, plate tectonics and how these can shape the world around us. They will examine different types of rock, discover their properties and everyday uses, as well as investigate soil and fossils, including the inspiring work of fossil hunter Mary Anning.



The children will also develop their mapping skills, using atlases to learn about lines of latitude and longitude and practising how to navigate with a compass using cardinal and intercardinal points. As the unit progresses, they will find out how volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis occur and consider both the immediate and long-term impact these natural events can have on people and places.

Art

The children will explore hatching and cross-hatching to create shading and depth, helping their drawings look more three-dimensional. They'll also learn what a motif is and experiment with relief printing, where an image is raised and used to create bold, repeated designs.



Design & Technology

The children will learn how cams work to turn circular motion into up-and-down movement, discovering how different cam shapes create different actions. They'll also think about design criteria - what a product needs to be successful - and choose materials based on their properties, purpose, cost and availability as they plan and create their own moving designs.

Homework:

The children are set homework each week which we require them to complete. We ask that the children are encouraged to do their very best with their homework with written work completed in pen and maths work completed in pencil. In preparation for the tests on Friday, please encourage your children to practice their spellings on the Spelling Shed website and times tables on TT Rock Stars.

Year 3 Teaching Staff

Mrs Hodges and Mrs Thompson (Class Teachers Sunflowers) and **Mrs Noor** (Class Teacher Daffodils).

You can contact your child's class teacher via class emails.

Learning Support Assistants: **Miss Allan**

We look forward to a wonderful term of hard work, challenge and celebrating success.

The Year Three team.