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English (Reading):

Students will read and explore a range of texts linked to our topic including stories of heroes, myths and legends linked to different historical periods. Through focussed questioning, we will discuss their understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts by asking questions about characters' thoughts, feelings and actions or by asking them to make predictions and justify with evidence.

English (Writing):

We will continue to develop student's ability to use a range of literary devices to expand their writing through description. Children will be encouraged to use stronger vocabulary in their writing, and learn how to up-level their work using a thesaurus. We will take a closer look at the format of contractions and when to use them in informal writing. Weekly spelling tests will continue to guide children to correct commonly misspelt words frequently containing prefixes and suffixes. This will also be supported through constant dictionary use.

Maths:

This half term we will be continuing on our focus of number. We will carry on with addition and subtraction and will also look at multiplication and division. The children will continue to add and subtract two numbers across 10 and 100, add and subtract two and three digit numbers, estimate answers, use the inverse operations and compliments to 100. The children will continue to work on the recalling of all multiplication facts for times tables which will be ongoing throughout the term. There will be an emphasis on using our 2, 3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables. We will look at using arrays to help the children to understand multiplication. We will also focus on division where we will be dividing by 3, 4 and 8. In our multiplication and division unit, students will review their knowledge of sharing and grouping amounts.



Curriculum Map for Year 3 (Autumn Term 2)

Theme: Heroes and Villains



Science:

This half term we will be looking at animals including humans. Students will learn about the skeletal and muscular systems of the body. This unit will include a focus on healthy eating and lifestyle. Students will learn about nutrition including the different food groups. They will also consider the diets of different animals (including their pets) and know, identify and group animals with and without skeletons and know how they move differently.

P.E:

This half term we will continue to work on team skills to achieve an objective and applying this in games of hockey. The children will learn how to use the equipment for this game effectively and safely. They will learn about the rules through a multitude of team building tasks. They will play small games to develop a range of skills and techniques needed for the game of hockey. In playing hockey together the students we apply their knowledge of the game rules, and skills in trapping and controlling the ball as well as aiming passes and shots.

PSHE:

This half term our focus will be on friendship and how to make or be a good friend. We will be studying the Year 3 Jigsaw programme. We will talk about ways in which friendships can be challenging and learn about some strategies that you can use when you feel things are not going well with a friend. We will talk about what bullying is and reinforce the messages about safe places in school and who to talk to if you feel that you are being bullied.



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History:

This half term we will look at the transition to the Iron Age and the differences it had from the Stone Age. Our study of the Iron Age will include exploring:

- *tribal kingdoms including that of the Celts*
- *Iron Age hill forts*
- *the developments in farming during this period*
- *the art and culture that developed in these communities*
- *key places in the UK where archaeological evidence of these communities has been found.*

Geography:

This half term we will explore the concept of settlement in more detail and link it to our historical study. We will learn the difference between 'site' and 'situation' whilst exploring the reasons people chose to settle in relation to geographical features (rivers, soil) during the Stone and Iron Age. We will learn about the different classifications of settlement in modern times for example, village/town/city/conurbation. Students will learn about case studies in their own locality, country and across the globe to explore concepts and issues involved in population density. We will continue to re-visit 'sticky learning' from Autumn 1.

Computing:

This half term, students will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. They will then apply those skills to create a story based animation. This unit will end with children learning how to add other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

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Design Technology:

This half term the students will begin by completing a mini-sewing project over weeks 1-2. They will learn about sewing as a textile technique and will be able to name products that have been made using sewing. Students will learn three different stitches and will create a bookmark which they can use when reading.

During weeks 3-7 the students will complete a packaging project. They will explore different types of packaging and what makes them effective. Students will create a 'mood' board before planning using a design criteria. They will then make and evaluate a piece of packaging for a Christmas cupcake.

French:

This half term, students will study the story of Les Quatre Amis (The Four Friends). They will sequence events, retell the story and apply their knowledge of how to use adjectives in French to create simple sentences describing the characters.

Music:

This half term our music work will focus on singing building up to performing a song as part of the junior carol concert. Students will learn how to sing and create harmony using simple musical structures such as a round. They will learn how to combine their voice with others to create and effective performance. Our weekly ukulele lessons with Harrow Music Service will also continue.

R.E:

This half term we will take a more in depth look into the Buddhist religion. Students will learn about the four noble truths and how these help and individual to find happiness. We will explore what we can learn from the life of Buddha about being happy. Students will learn some key quotes from the teaching of Buddha and reflect on their meaning.