



Year 3

Summer Term

**Reading stimulus**



Within English, we shall be focusing on *'The Iron Man'* by Ted Hughes. This text will give us a lot of inspiration for our writing. In addition, we will be using versions of *'The Iron Man'* that include stunning high-quality pictures that we will use to further develop inference and character empathy which will further inspire our creative writing. We will continue to use the 'Talk for Writing' strategies to support our writing.

Reading skills will be developed through 'Reading Owl' sessions, which will allow in-depth, thorough discussions of high-level texts. The key focus for this term is developing understanding and inference skills.

**Maths**

In Maths this term, our focuses will be Fractions, Money, Time, Properties of Shapes and Statistics. Our Number and Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division skills will be required throughout this term's topics and we will have to apply lots of the learning from Autumn and Spring. We will continue to have a strong emphasis on reasoning in Maths allowing the pupils to apply their mathematical knowledge to varying real life and problem solving situations. Please continue to encourage your child to secure all multiplication facts and the associated division facts using resources like TT Rockstars to do so.

**Science**

During the Summer term, we will continue with our scientific focus on 'Animals, including Humans'. The topic will recap some learning from Year 2 Science and aim to develop children's deeper thinking skills. They will learn about nutrients that different foods provide and explore how different animals eat different types of foods and need different types of nutrients. We will also learn about muscles and skeletons for humans and other animals.

We will then move onto the topic of Plants. We will be learning about the different parts of plants and what they do, what it is that plants need to grow and survive and all of the things plants do for the world ecosystem. Children will also learn about how water is transported by plants and how plants reproduce. We will spend some Science lessons consolidating previous learning so far this year and using skills learnt answering scientific enquiries.

**Geography / History**

In History this term, we will be focusing on local history and learning all about The Black Country. We will discuss why the area has its name, how people lived during the industrial revolution and what major changes happened during this time.

Our Geography topic will be focused on the human and physical characteristics of coasts and we will be considering the key question: 'Do we like to be beside the seaside?'.

**R.E.**

Our Religious Education focus during the Summer term will be Islam. We will be learning about the Islamic religion and what it means to keep to the five pillars of Islam. Children will also learn about the month of Ramadan and fasting, including why it is important to Muslims. Finally, children will learn about the importance of Hajj.

**Art**

In Art this term, children will learn about LS Lowry and begin to explore urban landscapes or 'cityscapes'. We will practise skills in shading using pencil grades and we will attempt to show motion within our artwork using our sketch books to improve our artistic techniques.

### Design Technology

Is a cylinder the best shape for a pencil case? This is the question we will attempt to answer within our DT lessons this term. We will consider what makes a good pencil case and begin to design our own pencil cases. Towards the end of the term, once we have designed and hopefully created our prototypes, we may be able to answer the overarching question that kicks off this topic.

### Computing

This term, Year 3 will be developing their programming skills through sequencing music. We will be using the software 'Scratch', which children can also use at home (through 'Scratch Online'). E-safety elements will be considered throughout the whole curriculum.

### P.E.

During the Summer term, PE sessions will be on Thursday afternoons and we will continue to develop our gymnastic skills. **Please can you ensure that all earrings and jewellery are removed for these sessions.**

### Music

Music will be delivered by Sandwell's Music services. The children will continue to develop their skills playing the tenor horn.

### Jigsaw

The Jigsaw theme for the Summer term is Relationships. Over the Summer, the Jigsaw focus will look at friendships and maintaining good relationships as well as making good choices and the significance of global citizenship. After half term, we will explore the theme 'Changing Me'. The values for this term are co-operation and gratitude.

### MFL

Children will continue to learn new French vocabulary during the Summer term and we will build on the skills learned during the Autumn and Spring terms. During the first half term, we will cover the food we eat every day, including fruits and vegetables and breakfast foods. After half term, we will begin 'Going on a Picnic'. This will mainly focus on applying lots of the vocabulary learnt across the whole of Year 3.