

Home Learning

We ask that children continue to read each day and make notes of the books they are reading in their reading records.

CUSP Spelling Homework will be handed out each Friday.

Homework books with completed work should be returned by the Wednesday of the following week.

Dates for the diary

- PE will take place on **Mondays** this term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their school PE kit, adequate footwear and with a water bottle.
- A reminder that spare trainers are required in school for the **daily mile**.
- **Curriculum meeting** - Friday 20th September, 2.45pm Beech Classroom

Year 3 and 4 Autumn Term 1

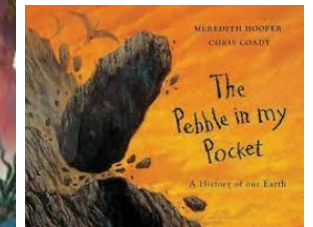
English

Year 3 and 4 children will be developing a range of skills to develop their reading skills this term. These include retrieval, inference, summarising, and comparing skills, as well as learning to recognise authorial intent, understanding themes and making personal responses. The texts the children will be studying are *Greta and the Giants* and *The Pebble in my Pocket*, as well as a range of fictional and non-fictional texts and sources.

Year 3 and 4 children will be writing in a range of genres this term, including poetry, non-chronological reports and first-person narratives. The class will be revisiting simple word types such as nouns, verbs and adjectives, while learning about alliteration, similes and other poetic devices. Learning will also include presentation and organisational devices in texts such as paragraphs, as well as commas in lists, pronouns and conjunctions. At the end of each unit, the children will have the opportunity to write an extended piece of independent writing, inspired by what they have learnt.

Throughout the term, the children will be practising their handwriting and spellings multiple times a week.

Our class texts



Mathematics

Year 3 and 4 will be starting the year learning about place value, which includes working with ones, tens, hundreds and, in Year 4, thousands. They will learn how to order, partition, and round. From there, learning will move to addition and subtraction, where the children will learn to add and subtract 1-digit, 2-digit, 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. This will involve exchanging ones, tens and hundreds.

For each mathematical topic, children will use their knowledge and reasoning skills to solve a range of practical problems.

Throughout the year, the children will be counting backwards and forwards in various increments, as well as practising their times tables.

Science

In science this term, Year 3 and 4 will be studying rocks. They will investigate how rocks are formed, the different types of rocks, how they can change over time, the makeup of rocks and soil and what they are, and how fossils are formed.

RE

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about Creation this term.

We will look at what Christians learn from the Creation Story and share the story of Adam and Eve.

PE

This term, Year 3 and 4 will be learning fundamental P.E. skills, including balancing skills, jumping, running, catching and moving in different ways..

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

This year, Year 3 and 4 will be learning Spanish. This term the focus is on greetings and numbers.

Computing

Children will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation. They will apply those skills to create a story-based animation. Children will add other types of media to their animation including music and text.



Geography

Year 3 and 4 will be studying fieldwork and human and physical features and resources. This will include learning how to use a compass and know how a compass helps explain the location of human and physical features in a place.

History

Year 3 and 4 will be investigating the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in Britain, a period known as 'prehistory'. This will include identifying how people lived in Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic times and how the changes in technology allowed people to become settlers, developing bronze and then iron.

PSHE

Year 3 and 4 will be discussing a range of issues, including friendship and bullying, stereotyping, healthy friendships, boundaries and trust.

Art

Year 3 and 4 will be drawing and painting this term, using the work of Van Gogh for inspiration. They will be using white to change the tint of a colour and understand how paint is mixed and applied to create an effect. They will also use graphic marks to depict the line and contour of a shape and explore Sgraffito as a technique.

Music

Year 3 and 4 will be studying the R&B song *Let Your Spirit Fly* by Joanna Mangona, through singing, instruments and an exploration of the dimensions of music.

DT

Year 3 and 4 will be studying textiles this term. They will explore materials and practise a range of skills, then use them independently and evaluate their creations.