

'Desert Biomes'

4th November to 19th December 2024



Literacy

Literacy learning this term will be based around the text 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. Class 3 will be writing their own book review at the end of this unit to recommend it to other children around the school and writing a leaflet based on the book.

Maths

We will be learning the column addition and column subtraction method and continue to revisit multiplication facts and apply these in different contexts.

Science

Our Science focus this half term is living things and their habitats. We will be identifying different habitats around the world and investigating how living things adapt to their environment.

Computing and E-safety

In computing, Year 3 will begin learning basic commands to programme a sprite on Scratch and Year 4 will broaden the range of commands.

Religious Education

Our concept days this half term will be linked to the key concept of 'Angels' in the context of 'Angels as God's messenger'.

Geography

We will be learning about the deserts around the world looking at maps and atlases. We will also compare their physical and human features and learn about types of settlement and land use.

Physical Education

This half-term, PE for Class 3 will continue to be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Aspire Coaching will work with the class on Mondays completing their learning of Tag Rugby and then moving onto learning netball/basketball skills. Swimming will continue for year 4 on Wednesdays and strength and fitness for Year 3 until **20th November**. After this, our PE days will be on **Monday and Tuesdays**. On Tuesdays the children will be learning gymnastics skills.

RHE – Relationships and Health Education

Our focus for this half term will be how to treat others with respect.

French

We will be learning animal nouns and understanding the feminine and masculine form of words.

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Class 3 will be creating their own Christmas light boxes using measuring, sawing and gluing skills to create a structure.

Music

In music, children will continue to learn how to play the Ukulele.

Key vocabulary: biome, semi-arid desert, coastal desert, vegetation belt, equator, climate.