

English

This term, our English lessons are based around the topics we are studying. The genres focused on this term are: letter writing, newspaper reports, information text and a narrative. All of these will have links to our topic 'All About Me', which focuses on the local area and themselves.

The children will use fronted adverbials as well as a variety of sentence structures, punctuation and vocabulary to enrich their writing skills.

Science

The focus for Autumn 1 will be learning about our 'Amazing Bodies'. In this unit, the children will be exploring both the human and animal skeletons, muscles, and what constitutes to a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Autumn 2 is our topic of 'Light'. Here, the children will develop an understanding of how light travels and the sources of light and reflections.

Scientific working will enable children to record scientific findings and draw upon conclusions. A wide range of scientific language will be used.

Computing

Children will be continuing to develop their sense of e-safety related specifically to email. Pupils will use a safe mail platform to learn about how to appropriately use email, the do's and don'ts and email etiquette. They will also continue to develop their touch-typing skills. Throughout the computing lesson, the SMART message will be constantly revisited and reinforced.

Music

The children will be focusing on being able to identify the pulse of a piece of music and following the beat of a tune using body percussion. Simple musical notation will be consolidated as well as identifying the beat of a tune. They will be following instructions on how and when to sing and begin to learn how to play the recorder. The children will also be learning songs for a performance.

Design Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be linking to our History topic by constructing bridges. Children will; design, make and evaluate a range of joints and shapes for strength. Using accurate marking, cutting and sawing, the children will make bridges inspired by Thomas Telford and other Victorian industrialists.



The Federation of Abbey Infant & Junior School Curriculum Map for Year 3 2024-2025 Autumn term



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For information Year group related – email: Y3@abbey.sandwell.sch.uk

Our topic is All About Me (Autumn1) Festival of Light (Autumn 2).

Through this term, we will be linking our History, Geography, Art and Design and Design Technology. Autumn 1 is 'All about Me' and is focused on how we fit into the world. The children will be learning about our local history and finding out about our geographical influences. Autumn 2 is "Festival of Light" and all lessons will be focused upon the importance of light. The children will be learning about light sources and the invention of light.

Throughout this term, the children will be offered these experiences in conjunction with our Abbey ethos:

Soft skills:

Listening skills, communication, decision making, exhibiting creativity, demonstrating a positive attitude, showing resilience and working collaboratively as a team player.

Life Skills:

Playing a musical instrument, performing in front of an audience, healthy eating, using DIY tools and learning a different language.

Bucket List:

A visit from Black Country Museum - OUTREACH, a performance at St Hilda's Church, Random Acts of Kindness activity and construction of a bridge using DIY tools

History

Focusing on local history, we will be looking at the Black Country's influence in the Industrial Revolution. We will be concentrating on learning about canals, bridges and the development of transportation over the centuries. James Brindley and Thomas Telford's inventions will be used to look at how history shaped the landscape both in Birmingham and wider UK. This will help children develop a growing understanding of how a significant period in British history changed the world they now live in.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be focusing on using a range of techniques, including sketching and painting, to create pieces of art based around ourselves. Children will be exploring the proportion of the human face and use the skill of gridding to recreate their faces. They will be looking at the work of independent artists: Romero Picasso and Giuseppe Arcimboldo and use their style of artwork to recreate self-portraits. A range of skills will be used such as a range of pencils from soft to hard and a range of marks including cross-hatching with movements in the same or similar directions.

Geography

We will start by developing children's geographical understanding of the children's place in the UK, Europe and the World. We will then focus on the West Midlands and find out why Birmingham is an influential city in the nation's canal network. This will lead to pupils developing map work skills to use 4 co-ordinate grids. The map work will extend through canals into Europe and how the physical landscape has changed because of the canals.

PE

In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on 'Invasion games', specifically handball. They will use a combination of different movements to play competitive games and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending. In Autumn 2, we will be concentrating on gymnastic skills to improve basic movements including running, jumping, hopping, skipping as well as developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

Religious Education

This term we will explore what it means to be a good citizen in our community and find out about the values of different religions. There is a focus on Christianity, Sikhism, and Judaism, looking at some of the core morals of these three religions and beginning to compare and contrast. The topic of light allows children to see how light is important to these three religions in different ways. Children also touch upon humanism and how core morals and values may also be similar.

French

This is a new subject taught in Key Stage 2 (Juniors) and introduced in Y3. This term children will start to learn simple French phrases, such as greetings and numbers. The focus will be to develop the children's confidence to enable them to be able to have a short conversation with their peers. By the end of the term, they will have experienced lots of oral rehearsal for numbers 1-20, months, days and main colours.

Mathematics

We will be consolidating the written methods, which the children learnt in year 2, for addition and subtraction, as well as the mental strategies used for addition and multiplication.

Place Value will be the key element emphasised this term, working on hundreds, tens and ones. Children will also be exchanging hundreds for tens and tens for ones in subtraction.

Another key focus this term will be ensuring that multiplication tables are learnt off by heart! It is expected that children will already know their 2x, 5x and 10x tables, and these will be consolidated in the Autumn Term, before moving onto 3x and 4x tables.

It is advised that you regularly practise the times table with your child.