

English

English in Year 3 is based around the topic we are studying this Spring term. We will continue to use the Talk for Writing (T4W) strategy which is based on children's speaking and listening. Each unit is delivered through 3-week blocks. 'Ancient Greece' is the topic which will inspire this term's texts. The genres to be covered are: diary writing, writing a character description, Myths and Legends and exploring Poetry.

The children will plan and write an imaginary diary from the perspective of a Greek child using both emotive and colloquial language. They will also write a detailed character description using descriptive language in order to create an image, as well as exploring different types of poetry using figurative rhymes, similes and metaphors and write their own narrative myth based on Ancient Greek mythology.

Science

In Science, the children will be exploring forces; push, pull or twist and determine which is needed to make objects move. We will also be focusing on magnetism, and investigating materials and their properties.

In Spring 2, we will be studying different rocks, and investigating their properties by sorting and classifying them. The children will be testing the permeability and hardness of rocks and carry out some soil investigations.

Computing

The children will be using 2Code on Purple Mash to program a series of commands to make different icons move. We will be using a sequence of programs, working with variables and various forms of inputs and outputs.

They will have the opportunity to design and write programs, solve problems by breaking them into smaller groups and use logical reasoning.

Art & Design

Year 3 build on their prior learning about sculpting and will use paper mâché to create 3D Greek pots. They will explore examples of art work, study the use of colours and patterns before designing their own. They will study Greek mosaics and learn the techniques to design and create their own mosaic pictures and patterns.

Children will design and create their own Greek vases, linking this to everyday life.



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Curriculum Map for Year 3

2025 -2026 Spring term

For specific class information see <https://www.abbeyfederation.co.uk/topic/class-pages/year-3>

For dates see <https://www.abbeyfederation.co.uk/news-and-events/calendar>

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"Groovy Greeks"

This is a History topic about Ancient Greece and will link to writing, Art & Design, Geography and D&T. The children will learn about the Ancient Greeks and their everyday lives and understand the impact of the Ancient Greeks on our lives today. To launch the topic, we will use Now Press Play, which is an interactive and immersive experience designed to engage and inspire the children. They will be finding out about the Geography of Greece and how Modern Greece differs from Ancient Greece. Using Ancient Greek artefacts and art work the children will learn about this civilisation. Through creative projects they will make Greek pots, mosaics as well as traditional Greek food. The children will celebrate their learning with a Greek Day, where the children showcase their Greek vases, "Groovy Greek Grub" and put on a Greek singing performance.

Bucket list and Life skills opportunities include designing and creating their vases as well as putting together a Greek meal. Soft skills will continue with decision making, creative thinking and teamwork.

History

Children will conduct a study of the Ancient Greeks. They will develop their historical enquiry skills through examining a range of secondary historical sources to support their ideas (Now Press Play, textbooks and Internet research). The children will use their knowledge and understanding to give reasons and explanations about historical events. They will consider the impact of Ancient Greeks on our lives today. The unit will end with a Greek Day celebration.

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 Sikhism and Islam and exploring some of the core morals of these two religions by comparing and contrasting their beliefs and values.

Geography

This unit will further develop the children's understanding of another European country and how the mapping of this area has changed compared to modern maps. The children will have a first look at how land use affects trades and how settlements interact sometimes harmoniously and sometimes resulting in conflict and suggest geographical reasons for these i.e benefits of different lands. The children will look at Modern Greece and infer, based on the geographical locational knowledge, why people may want to visit this area and the routes they may take. The children will also examine and draw relief maps of Ancient Greece as well as finding out about the climate and landscape of Greece and how it influenced the development to Ancient Greece.

Design Technology

Our Non-Core lessons, will focus on the everyday lives of the Ancient Greeks. The children will be given the opportunity to design and create Ancient Greek vases and DT skills will be developed through these activities; planning, designing and evaluating.

Music

The learning for music this term is focused around songs with a diversity element. The children will explore Reggae music with a particular focus on Bob Marley. As well as learning songs, they will be playing, improvising and composing, listening and appraising music from different cultures. From the previous unit, the children will use their experience of the recorders to play alongside the music as well as the introduction of glockenspiels this term.

French

This term, the children will be building and expanding on previously taught language skills from last term, having a basic awareness of sentence structure in French. Throughout the unit, En Classe: In the Classroom, the children will be given the opportunities for speaking, listening, recall and writing short phrases and sentences more independently. They will also begin to use a glossary to support their learning.

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division through the written column method to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Other topics to be covered will be fractions, mass and capacity.

There will be opportunities during the term to use and apply the children's learning in a range of different contexts and representations.

PE

In Spring 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 Spring 2, the children will be developing their hand eye co-ordination, agility, throwing and catching skills using a competitive element in Dodgeball. We will be focussing on agility, to change direction in order to exploit space and avoid the ball, and co-ordination to throw accurately towards a target.