Fentastic

Science:

This term we will be learning all about plants! We will carry out lots of practical investigations to find out what plants need to grow and what happens when one of these things is taken away. We will observe changes over time, record our findings and take a closer look at flowers to learn how plants reproduce through pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. Our second topic will be Animals including Humans, where we will learn about nutrition, healthy diets, and how our skeletons and muscles help to support, protect and move our bodies.

ICT

This Autumn, our ICT learning will focus on using technology safely, confidently and responsibly. We will begin by learning how to use email, including how to send and reply to messages appropriately, before moving on to route planning using Purple Mash. Online safety will be woven throughout our learning so children know how to make sensible choices and what to do if something online worries them..

English:

This term, our English learning will be full of stories, imagination and opportunities to build confidence as writers. We will begin with Robin Hood and The Silver Arrow, using these exciting stories to inspire our own newspaper reports. We will also explore poetry, have a go at writing clear instructions, and finish the term with some fun descriptive writing inspired by The Worst Witch. Along the way, we will keep developing our spelling, punctuation and grammar, while encouraging the children to enjoy playing with words and sharing their ideas in writing.

Art/DT:

In Art we will focus on gestural drawing with charcoal. We will explore different ways of making marks, creating light and dark, and using movement to make expressive drawings. We will also look at the work of artists such as Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas for inspiration. In DT we will design and make our own root vegetable soup. We will learn about seasonal ingredients, healthy eating, safe food preparation and how to evaluate the finished product.

RE

Our RE learning will focus on Islam. We will explore what Muslims believe about Allah, how these beliefs guide the way they live, and why ideas such as harmony and following the right path are important. We will also learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and look at the key features of a mosque, helping the children understand how belief and worship are connected.

History & Geography:

This term our History and Geography learning will come together through our topic as we explore the story of the Fens. We will learn where the Fens are, identify their human and physical features, and find out what the landscape was like in the past. We will explore why the Fens were drained, how water is managed today and how this changed the way people lived and worked. A visit into the Fens will help us gather first-hand evidence, before we compare old and modern maps, explore current land use and create our own local maps. By the end of the term, the children will be able to explain how people have changed the Fens over time.

PE:

This Autumn, our PE lessons will give the children lots of opportunities to develop their skills, teamwork and confidence. In Autumn 1, we will focus on tennis and handball, practising racket and ball control, passing, catching, movement and simple attacking and defending skills. In Autumn 2, children will take part in swimming, alongside rugby and gymnastics, developing their balance, coordination, strength, control and ability to work successfully with others.

PHSE

This Autumn, our PSHE learning will focus on helping the children grow into kind, respectful and responsible members of our class and community. We will explore our rights and responsibilities, celebrate similarities and differences, and talk about what respectful relationships look like. We will also think about the different groups we belong to, how we can contribute to our community, and who we can turn to for help if we ever feel worried or unsafe.

Maths:

This term we will be building strong foundations in number and place value, helping the children become confident when reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000. We will then move on to length and perimeter, followed by developing our skills in addition and subtraction using both mental strategies and written methods. Towards the end of the term, we will begin exploring multiplication and division, including grouping, sharing and the 3 times table. Throughout the term, we will keep revisiting key number facts, counting patterns, doubling, halving and number bonds to help build fluency and confidence.

French

French is brand new for our Year 3 children, so we will begin by making it fun, practical and confidence-building. In our Getting to Know You unit, the children will learn how to say hello and goodbye, introduce themselves, ask how someone is feeling, count to 10 and say how old they are. We will use lots of speaking, listening, repetition and simple conversations to help everyone feel comfortable using French for the first time.