

## Autumn Term 2017 – first half

### Here's a summary of Class 3 for the first half term



**English** The children will be studying poetry in the first part of the term, in particular poetic form. Through reading, they will develop their understanding of different poem structures for example, a haiku, and will use poetic devices to write their own poem collection. The latter part of the first term will have a non-fiction focus, as the class will be looking at instructions. There will be regular guided reading sessions, spelling tips and a focus on grammar and punctuation.

**Maths** In maths this term, the class will start by consolidating their understanding of number. They will review where numbers are placed on a number line, using mathematical vocabulary to describe numbers in relation to others. They will count up and down in increasingly large multiples incorporating 25, 50, 100 and 1000 and some children will work with negative numbers. They will compare and order numbers to 1000 and beyond, looking at finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than any given number. Developing their mental and written skills in addition and subtraction, they will find missing numbers. In class, we will apply this knowledge to solve number and practical problems throughout the term.

**RE** This term, the class will continue their studies of Christianity. Children will use Bible stories to discuss the importance of being thankful and kind and how simple everyday changes can provide a better more fulfilling life. As a class, we will also develop our understanding of how to follow the example of Jesus.

**Geography** This term will begin with a look at Europe. By playing games, using an atlas and watching video clips the class will gain an overview of the countries that constitute this continent. They will also study mountainous areas. Linked to their studies in science, they will study world geography and discover how volcanoes are formed and why earthquakes happen. They will understand why people choose to populate these areas.

**Science, Computing and Music** Our science topic is all about different rocks and soils. The children will perform investigations to discover their properties and understand how we use these. Computing will focus on an e-safety update, sequencing using coding to create short animations, use of software for writing and artwork and create a computer game to complement their studies of Europe. Music will be taken with class 4. The children will develop their musicality, learning the recorder, singing and playing a variety of instruments as a group.

**French** In French lessons, pupils will develop vocabulary relating to animals. Some of the class will use adjectives to describe animals, understanding the differences between English and French grammar. They will play games and access computer programs to develop their written and oral skills.

**PE** The class will develop their team working skills whilst taking part in netball drills. They will improve their ball catching and throwing accuracy and learn strategies for attack and defensive play. Key Stage 2 will embark on an exciting program of dance developed by the Royal Opera House, cumulating in a competition entry.

**Art** In art this term, the class will use several printing techniques, work with the colour and investigate Matisse.