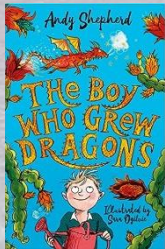


Disaster Strikes! – Years 3 and 4 – Autumn 1

We were delighted to welcome the new year 3/4 classes back to school. We have all enjoyed getting to know our class tribes – Playful Pacific, Atlantic Animals and Baltic Bees – and seeing teamwork and new relationships build – a great start to the year ahead. Here is a snapshot of all the exciting learning to come this half-term.

English

Our first class novel is 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd. We will enjoy reading this text together before using it as a guide for creating our own plots in narrative writing. In this unit, we will also explore the use of different types of paragraph.



Our poetry unit is inspired by 'Isn't My Name Magical' by James Berry - and children will consider why their name is magical and use their ideas to compose their own poem. Children will also have plenty of opportunity to rehearse and perform poems aloud to the class.

Towards the end of this half-term, we will be writing and publishing a set of instructions for 'How to take care of a dragon'. We look forward to seeing children's creative writing!

Maths

Learning times tables, for rapid recall, is a focus this year. To support this, we strongly recommend 5-10 minutes of daily practice. Please check your child's planner to see what times table they are working on.

In maths lessons, both year groups will start with place value before moving onto addition and subtraction.

Year 3:

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- Represent, partition, compare and order numbers to 1000
- Find 1, 10, or 100 more or less
- Place numbers and estimate on a number line to 1000
- Count in 50s
- Add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s
- Add and subtract two numbers

Year 4:

- Represent, partition, compare and order numbers to 10,000
- Find 1,10,100,1000 more or less
- Round to the nearest 10,100 or 1000
- Add and subtract two 4-digit numbers
- Estimate answers and check strategies

Science

Our first unit this year is nutrition, skeletons and muscles.

We will explore:

- What a skeleton is for
- Different types of skeleton
- How muscles and bones work to create movement
- Why a balanced diet is important
- The nutrients that different foods provide.



PSHE

We will develop skills in communication and working with others through listening, expressing opinions, questioning, problem solving and decision-making.

We will learn to identify and value our own strengths and to understand how these, along with others' skills and strengths can contribute to the success of a group task.



RE

We will learn about Hinduism and explore this key question in depth:

- Would celebrating Diwali bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?



Art

Our sketchbook study will focus on the works of Renoir. We will explore using pastels and water-based acrylics to create portraits from different perspectives.



DT

We will be learning about food hygiene, food groups, and taste. We will also be learning practical skills such as chopping and grating, through the process of making a vegetable curry.

Computing

In computing we will be learning what a bug in an algorithm is, how to identify a bug, and how to fix a bug.



MFL

We will learn to use the correct greeting for the time of day and ask/answer questions about feelings in French.



PE

We will begin the term with a unit on co-operation and communication, where we will develop our teamwork skills. We will also continue to improve our gymnastic and dance skills.



Geography

This half term, we will find out what the Earth is made of and then discover how and why earthquakes and volcanoes occur. We will consider the local and global impact of these natural disasters.



Please contact us with any comments and questions by speaking to us at the classroom door or emailing y3y4teachers@fulbourn.cambs.sch.uk.

We look forward to sharing more of your children's learning with you at our class assemblies and parent consultation meetings later this term!

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