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A PRIORY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3

Spring 2

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Self - Discipline

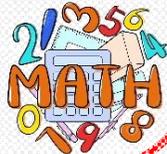
Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

Maths

In Maths this term, we are focusing on fractions, beginning with understanding denominators and comparing and ordering unit fractions. We will then explore numerators in non-unit fractions and learn how fractions relate to a whole. As we progress, we will compare and order non-unit fractions, work with fractions on scales and number lines, and practise counting in fractions. To finish our fractions unit, we will look at equivalent fractions using number lines and bar models.

After this, we will move on to mass, where we will use scales to measure weight in grams and kilograms, as well as explore capacity by working with litres and millilitres.



English

Reading

In our Reading sessions we will be focussing on a selection of texts which link nicely to our other subject topics.

In our whole class reading lessons, we will develop a range of important comprehension skills, including retrieval, prediction, inference, summarising, prediction and understanding new vocabulary. Alongside this, we will also focus on improving our reading fluency, helping us to read with greater accuracy, expression and confidence. Through a variety of texts, we will practice these skills to deepen our understanding and enjoyment of reading.

Writing

This term in our Writing, our first unit will be writing to entertain using the text "Call me lion". We will be writing monologues from the character Leo's perspective who is selective mute. We will use a range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to write our monologues. In our second writing unit, we will be writing to persuade as we will explore persuasive letters using the text Faruq and the Wiri Wiri for inspiration.

Science

In our Science learning this term our topic is movement and nutrition when thinking about animals including humans. We will be identifying how animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition. We will explore what this looks like for humans and which foods we need to eat to get the right amount of nutrients. We will also be identifying why skeletons are important and how muscles help us to move.



PSHE

In PSHE this term, we are exploring the topic of similarities and differences. We will learn to value the things that make us unique while also recognising what we have in common with others. As part of this, we will discuss what it means to be part of a community and listen to a guest speaker who leads a local community. Finally, we will reflect on our own experiences of belonging to a group and how this can make us feel.





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With Coach Danny the children will be looking at gymnastics where we will be developing our balances, jumps and rolls to create sequences.

With Mr Brown and Mrs Opie-Skinner we will be focusing on fitness where we will improve key skills of balance, strength, agility and speed.



Geography



In Geography this term, we are exploring Europe. We will learn about the different countries and capital cities, using an eight-point compass to describe their locations in relation to one another. We will also study some of Europe's major rivers and mountain ranges. As part of our map skills work, we will practice using four-figure grid references to plot locations and explore time zones across the continent. Finally, we will investigate how population is spread across European countries and what factors influence population size.

Design and Technology

In our Design and Technology learning this term, we will be thinking about eating seasonally and where our food comes from. As part of our food technology, we will be developing our cutting and peeling skills as we prepare a range of fruit and vegetables. We will be working towards making a puff pastry tart using seasonal fruit and vegetables.



Music

In Music this term, the children are exploring the traditional song *"I've Been to Harlem."* They will begin by learning to sing the song confidently and understanding the overall shape and movement of the tune. Building on this, the children will experiment with adding simple accompaniments using notes from the pentatonic scale and will even invent their own short melodies to fit with the song. They will also learn a set of cup rhythms to perform alongside the music, helping them to develop coordination and a sense of pulse. As a class, the children will work together to create and perform their own arrangement of *"I've Been to Harlem,"* and later in the unit they will make a video recording to share their final performance. This topic gives them a wonderful opportunity to develop their creativity, confidence, and musical skills.



Worldviews

Our Worldviews topic, "How do Christians aim to lead a good life?", explores what Christians believe helps them make good choices. The children will learn what a saint is and look at examples of well-known saints, including how their actions still inspire people today. They will study key Bible commandments, especially Jesus' teaching to love God and love others, and see how these guide Christian behaviour. We will also discover the Franciscan Order, learning how St Francis of Assisi's simple, caring lifestyle has shaped Christian ideas about kindness, generosity, and looking after the world. Throughout the unit, children will think about how these teachings influence Christians today and what leading a good life might mean for them too.