

Welcome to Year 3

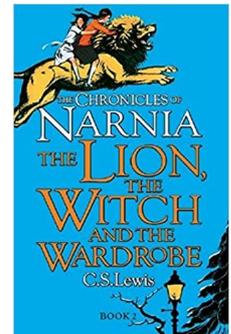


Welcome back after the Christmas holidays! I hope you had a lovely time and managed to enjoy what you did! I wonder if you got what you asked for or at least that you got a present that you like. We are now starting Spring term and we will be continuing our learning in History, Geography and Science by adding to what we already know. We will also be starting to look at new ideas in English and Maths lessons, with new class texts for our reading lessons. I have you've remembered your brains for this term!



English

This term we will start by looking at the text: *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. This is a classic story full of adventure and interest. We will use this text to write letters, setting descriptions and story openings. Through these units we will focus on how to use openers to structure writing, using adverbs to provide more detail and using a variety of sentence types. We will continue to improve the editing of: spelling, punctuation and sentence structure errors. During our active reading sessions, we will study the books: *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis and *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will focus on developing our inference skills. This is also known as 'reading between the lines' to try and delve deeper into why characters behave and react in a particular way. We will also look at various short extracts during the week to develop our other reading skills of prediction, summarising and vocabulary.

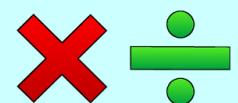


Maths

Across the Spring Term we will begin by continuing our work on multiplication and division. This will involve activities to practise and challenge our times tables knowledge and how to multiply numbers outside of our times tables.

Time will be spent consolidating formal written methods, layout and calculation processes.

Maths activities will be delivered in a variety of ways that will allow each learner to select the activity that matches their needs and to progress through to challenges and problem solving.



MULTIPLICATION
DIVISION

Online Learning



Knowing your times tables and the associated division facts is a core mathematical skill.

Don't forget to use your individual log in to **Times Table Rockstars** to develop your speed and fluency with each times table pattern.

At home, use your **Spelling Shed** account to practise spelling rules, patterns and your National Curriculum focus words.

This programme will help to develop your spelling by finding missing letters and unscrambling spelling.

Spelling Shed 

Science

This term in science we will investigate how plants and animals live and the way they adapt to new situations.

Further into the term, we will discover how different materials react to various scenarios and look at the properties of them.

We will also be growing a plant in class to see how it is affected by the changes in weather and this will help us understand seasonality.



Physical Education



PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays with Mr Swindell. Please make sure you have an indoor and outdoor kit.

Lessons will focus on developing key skills in a variety of games, including co-ordination and static balance.

Music

Our unit will be focused around the glockenspiel. We will start to learn musical notation and develop our skills of reading music.

In each session we will learn about the history of a particular music genre.

We will be expanding our knowledge of different artists and their styles.



Art & DT

We will be exploring 2 different concepts in art this term, starting with looking at the idea 'work and play' in the first half and abstract art in the second half term.

We are going to be looking at the mediums of drawing and painting.



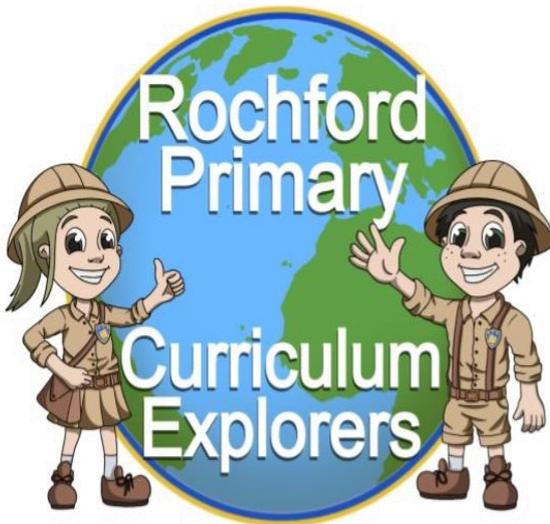


History

As part of our new reflective and buildable curriculum, we will be continuing our studies of the Vikings and Stone Age. We will also be starting to learn about the Iron Age and Ancient Egypt.

Thinking about discoveries from the past, we will consider why people explored other places in history and what the artefacts discovered tell us about life in the past in other civilisations.

We will continue to build our timeline of key historical events.



Geography

In Geography, we are going to be using our map skills from Autumn term to explore where volcanoes are around the world.

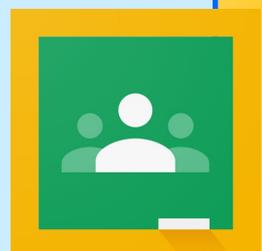


We will also be continuing to learn about climate change and transport systems around the world. This will link in with our eco lessons and learning about seasonality.

Google Classroom

Thank you for getting on board with our online home-learning through Google Classroom (GC) last term, it was great to see all your hard work. We will continue to use GC for setting and handing in homework, spellings and other home-school communication where appropriate. The homework expectation for year 4 is to practise spellings, complete 1 item from the homework menu and 1 'extra' task (reading or maths). You should also be reading regularly and logging this in your reading records. Please be aware of the new timings for homework for this term:

- Homework (including spellings) will now be set on GC every Friday, and should be handed in the following Friday. If you need further support with accessing or using GC at home please contact: support@rochford.essex.sch.uk.





PSHCE

The theme for our PSHCE lessons is healthy lifestyles, joining in food and nutrition.

We will be looking at how we can make good choices about our food and what we can do to help lead a healthy lifestyle.

RE

We will be looking at Hinduism when we return, with the key beliefs and what Hinduism looks like at home.

We will then be studying the religion of Christianity, with the places of worship and Jesus' disciples.



French

Our first French unit of Spring term is about fruit and vegetables, learning key words and bringing in learning about healthy eating.

After that, we will be learning about the different musical instruments. We will learn the names of the instruments and then we will link this with our music unit, learning about how to play them.

As we build up our vocabulary bank, we will develop the skill of writing in sentences and responding verbally. We also assess at the end of every unit on speaking, listening, writing and reading.



Computing

In computing lessons, we will be learning how to programme using Scratch on the iPads. Scratch is a programming language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games and animations.



Key Dates

- Homework will be set on the Google Classroom on Fridays and checked on Fridays.
- PE will take place on Tuesdays
- Non-pupil days 4th January, 12th February
- February half term - 15th-19th February

