



# Year 3 – Summer 1

## OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In Science, we will be learning about plants. The core questions we will be investigating and learning about are:

- What are the main parts of a flowering plant including its function?
- What does a plant need to live and grow well?
- How is water transported within a plant?
- What is the role of a flower in the plant's life cycle and how do new plants grow from a seed?

In Art, we will be learning different painting techniques, including, wash techniques, colour blocking and layering, and using different brush strokes to create effects and add details.

In History, we will be studying the Romans. We will be learning about how the Roman Empire began, who the different people were who lived in Roman society and what daily life was like in a Roman town. We will also look at Roman religious beliefs, including their gods and goddesses.

In Geography we will be learning about Energy and Sustainability. We will start by learning about how we use energy, what electricity is, where it comes from and how the UK is linked to other countries across the grid. We will then look at renewable energy sources.

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

You can use the following websites to find out about your child's learning at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqtf34j>

## REMINDERS:

**Reading books are to be brought in on Thursday to be changed for Friday.**

**PE: Our PE days are Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoors).**

**School uniform: As part of school expectations, all children are expected to wear school uniform. The school has spare uniform should you require any – please ask at the office.**

## ENGLISH

### WRITING:

We will be basing our writing on the text Charlotte's Web. We will be focusing on writing to persuade. This will include practising writing direct speech and dialogue, using the correct punctuation. We will also be continuing to develop our key sentence writing skills and grammar skills including nouns, verbs, adjectives, fronted adverbials, pronouns and coordinating conjunctions.



### READING:

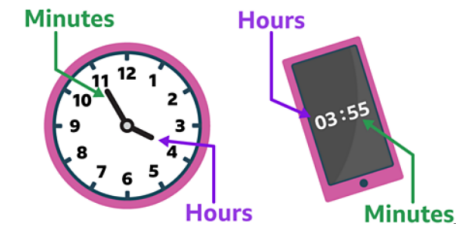
In whole class reading, Year 3 will be reading The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold. As we find out about the story, the children will be practising reading out loud, talking about the text and why the author has chosen to use specific language. We will also be answering different styles of comprehension questions including, retrieval, inference.



## KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:



In Maths, we have recently introduced and are now developing our knowledge of fractions. We will also be looking at time and encourage you to support your children learn to tell both analogue and digital time to prepare them for this unit.



We will continue to use Test Base to improve the pupils' skills in arithmetic.

## HELPING AT HOME:

- It is important you help your child practise their times tables at home. Times Table Rockstars logins remain the same.
- It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read.
- Spellings



## USEFUL VOCABULARY:

### Maths

- Fraction
- Numerator
- Denominator
- Greater than
- Less than
- Whole

### Science

- Nutrient
- Absorption
- Transportation
- Roots
- Stem

### History

- Chronology
- Empire
- Myth
- Partition
- Plebeian
- Slave

### Art

- Wash
- Stroke
- Graded
- Blended