Be Resilient Be Ambitious Be Curious Be Compassionate

Year 3 Curriculum Map - Autumn Term

Science



Rocks

In this unit, children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

Light (Light, Reflection and Shadow)

In this unit the children will investigate reflective materials and reflective surfaces. They will learn that the sun light can be dangerous. They will test materials to see which are opaque and they will discover how shadows change when the light source is changed.

Art



In the first half term the children will be creating Stone Age art with a focus on cave drawings, making jewellery and spears, constructing stone age to iron age dwellings and using pastels to recreate and image of Stonehenge.

In the second half term the children will be exploring canal art and traditional canal designs of roses and castles and will create a piece of art in the style of the Coventry Canal art.

PSHE & RSHE



Who am I

Community

Religious Education



Belonging - Gathering as God's Family

This unit involves the children exploring the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.

Prayer

This unit involves the children learning something about the prayer life of Jesus. They will examine and reflect on some of the ways in which Catholics pray and the signs and symbols associated with prayer.

Advent

This unit involves children looking at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome and recognise Jesus Christ. They will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas and reflection on Christ being in the world.

Physical Education



Dance and Games

History



Stone Age to Iron age

This unit is about how the Stone Age to Bronze Age period impacted on life in Britain. The children will learn about how early man survived in a harsh environment, about stone age homes and settlements and why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age. About the changes from the Stone Age into the Bronze age, how copper mining was crucial to the Bronze Age and why Stonehenge was built. They will also learn about why Iron Age people developed hillforts and how important Druids were in Iron Age Britain.

Geography



Canals

This unit focuses on canals and how their purpose has changed over the years. They will learn the difference between a river and a canal. That Canals were designed and man-made as a means of transport for goods and produce before the rise of the railway and motor industry. They will be able to explain how the canal system transported barges along the waterway and how the lock system works. They will also learn some of the features of a barge and how their function has changed over the years. They will know the significance of Coventry Canal in transporting coal in the past and its current use for leisure today.

Music - Ukulele



This year the children in year 3 will begin to learn how to play the Ukulele. They will learn how to play a series of cords and how to read musical notation.