

English

We will be reading *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo and non-fiction texts about France to support our writing. We will be writing a diary for the main character Valjean. We will also write a balanced argument for a debate linked to the themes in the book.

We will read a range of texts to help develop our reading skills and listen to a range of stories including *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans.

We will continue to learn spellings and grammar linked to the topics and the Year 3 curriculum. We will continue to develop joined handwriting.

Please make sure your child reads for 20 minutes every night and practises the spelling homework.

Maths

We will be reviewing our knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction from last term. We will continue to add pairs of 3-digit numbers using partitioning and learn to recognise and sort multiples, looking at the relationship between the 4 and the 8 times-table.

We will identify and order fractions ($1/2$ s, $1/3$ s, $1/4$ s, $1/6$ s, and $1/8$ s); find equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. In geometry we will learn to recognise right angles and know they are 90. Lastly, we will learn the names and list simple properties of 2D shapes, and about the term perimeter including measuring it on shapes.

Science

Our science topic is Forces and Magnets. We will be comparing how things move on different surfaces. We will observe magnetic forces and how they work including how they attract or repel each other and about the two poles (N & S). We will classify which materials are attracted to magnets and which are not by testing and investigating materials around us.

We will also investigate the strengths of different magnets and research the uses of magnets in our world.



Topic

Our topic work this half-term will be linked to France and its location within Europe. We will be studying both political and physical maps of Europe and France to find out about the countries, cities, seas, rivers and mountains. We will be learning about important landmarks and regions of France and some of the things which it is famous for. We will make comparisons with London and the UK.

In art we will be studying the art of Henri Matisse. We will learn about some of the techniques he used especially his collage and we will also go to see *The Snail* at the Tate Modern. We will be learning about collage and producing our own pieces of work.

Computing

We will be developing skills in safely researching using different online platforms. The children will use publisher to create a flyer.

Music

In music, the children will be introduced to French greetings, vocabulary and numbers as they play lively musical games.

Curriculum Newsletter

Year Three Spring 1

'What is France famous for?'

Homework: Given out Friday and due in every Tuesday.

PE: In gymnastics we will use composition ideas to form a sequence of moves and we will also develop skills for invasion games when moving with a ball.

Suggested books to read

The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine

The Charlie Moon Collection by Shirley Hughes

Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Flat Stanley Collection by Jeff Brown

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Willa and Old Miss Annie by Berlie Doherty

More Naughty Little Sister Stories
by Dorothy Edwards

R.E.

Our main focus for this half-term will be Buddhism. We will find out about the life of Prince Siddhartha and the origins of Buddhism.

PSHE

We will explore our feelings and which behaviours are appropriate and proportionate. We will develop an understanding of the benefits of physical exercise, and other activities on our mental wellbeing and happiness. We will learn about personal and oral hygiene and how to take care in the sun.

French

Our main aim is to learn to name body parts in French. We will engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help.

Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/france>

France Facts, National Geographic Kids

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-henri-matisse>

YouTube Henri Matisse for Kids - RSE Art Appreciation