

St. Swithun's: Year 3/4 Curriculum Map - Autumn 1. Topic: The World

We have an exciting first half term ahead of us. We will be reading Narnia in English and basing our writing on the world in geography, we will be looking at globes and maps to create our own. To support us in our science unit is Southsea to look at the taxidermy animals and think about animals' adaptation and habitats. We will also

English

In reading, we will be looking at the 'Children who Changed the World'. It is a factual book about names such as Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg and looks at their impact and visions. We will be using this book to develop our skills of understanding words in context, evaluating, clarifying and retrieving information. This book will help us to form opinions about a text and state our thoughts about a book, giving reasons for these. Children will also continue to read in their banded levels and progress through these with access to all the new books in our updated school library. Exciting!

In writing, we will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and exploring how to describe settings. We will be looking at writing cohesive sentences with correct punctuation and adding description using noun phrases. We will also be developing our structure of work. Later, we will explore letter writing using conjunctions.

In spellings, some of us will revisit our phase 5 phonics and others will be recapping the year 2 and 3 spelling rules before year 4 spellings.

Art & Design

N/A - DT Focus

Design & Technology

We will be learning about textiles. We will look at different fabrics and which are the easiest for cutting and sewing with. We will then look at different methods of fastenings such as buttons, zips, buckles and poppers. We will be looking at the best ones in order to design, make and then evaluate our own book sleeves!

Mathematics

This term, we will be consolidating our understanding of place value in both 3 and 4 digit numbers. We will be looking to represent numbers in a variety of ways and use our understanding to solve simple problems. We will learn how to order and compare these numbers and year 4 will learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Following this we will learn both mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We will learn to use these to answer simple and multistep word problems. We will look to use estimation to check that our answers are valid and the inverse of operations to check that our calculations are correct.

We will also be learning times tables and securing our knowledge of number bonds and counting in multiples.

Modern

Languages

We are revising greetings and feelings in French. We will also learn how to have basic conversations, telling others our names and how we feel. We will use stories, songs, games and role-play to help our learning.

Science

Our topic is animals including humans. We will be looking at animal skeletons and learning how skeletons help us to move as well as vertebrates and invertebrates. We will be learning about how we can classify animals. Next, we will look at animal habitats and how animals adapt to survive in their surroundings. Finally, we will look at human impact on animal habitats and how we can conserve them.

History

N/A - Geography focus this half term.

Geography

In geography, we will be understanding how the world is divided at the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. We will learn about longitude and latitude and how they divide the world. We will also learn how to tell us about climate and weather in different regions before we can help locate and describe them.

Music

We will be learning about the structure of music and how to create our own melody. We will also learn about the different parts of a song and how to write lyrics.

Physical

Education

In PE, we will be doing gymnastics where we will build on our knowledge of balance and different balances. In games, we will be learning a range of net and wall games including, but not limited to, tennis, badminton and netball. We will learn the skills for these games before learning rules.

Religious

The focus for this half term is our school's new Mission Statement. We will be looking at our unit 'Creation' and gaining insight into how God created the world. We will be looking at the calling of the disciples and how they responded to Jesus. We will also be looking at how we can respond to God's call.