

Year 3 Learning Web

Autumn 2 2018

English Focus

- We will be looking at the story '**The Christmas Carol**' – a children's edition. We will be completing a range of activities, including sequencing the story and identifying a character's thoughts and feelings.
- We will be looking at diary entries and creating our own diary entry from the perspective of Scrooge meeting each ghost and looking at his transformation at the end of the story.
- Finally, we will be writing instructions on how to make our Christmas tree ornament, which will link nicely to our work in DT.

Maths Focus

Key Areas of Learning:

- Our main focus will be multiplication and division.
- We will be focusing on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and the corresponding division facts.
- We will be beginning to use these skills with bigger numbers.
- When problem solving, we will be looking more closely at the reasoning behind our answers.
- We will be continuing to practise our times tables and completing the **99 Club**. Please help your child to learn their times tables.

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning challenge: The Victorians

- In History, we will be finding out about the Victorian period. We will be learning about Queen Victoria and her life, famous inventions and people, and experiencing life as a Victorian schoolchild.
- We will briefly be looking at the British Empire and identifying some of the countries that were previously under British rule.
- In RSMSC, we will be focusing on Muslims. We will also be looking at the Christmas story in the run-up to the festive period.

Creativity

- In Art and Design, we will be researching and designing Victorian Christmas cards and Christmas tree ornaments.
- In Music, we will be looking and listening carefully to famous composers, especially from the Victorian era, as well as learning and performing songs for our Christmas production.
- In PE, 3B is still split, with half swimming and half focusing on their gymnastic skills. 3T will also be focusing on their gymnastic skills.

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Forces and Magnets

- In Science, we will be focusing on different types of forces, identifying where a force comes from to make something move. We will be looking more closely at magnetism – what objects are attracted to and repelled by magnets, as well as how to test how strong a magnet is.
- In Computing, we will be developing our keyboard skills by creating a fact sheet on Microsoft Word. We will be beginning to learn how to code and debug computer programmes using the Chimp programme on PurpleMash.
- Our PSHE this half term will be focusing on celebrating our differences, as well as looking at anti-bullying.

Ways you can help at home

- Read little and often each day. We will be reading for meaning and understanding. Ask lots of questions about the text and encourage the children to form opinions.
- Practise 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 times tables to learn them off by heart. Recognise the corresponding division facts.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in on time.
- Encourage your child to be independent and sort equipment for school themselves.
- Remind children to have a full PE kit in school at all times.