

Year 3 Learning Web

Spring 2 2018

English Focus

- We will be looking at the story, *James and the Giant Peach*.
- We will be creating our own insect characters for the book, focusing on using adjectives and similes in our writing.
- We will also be looking at writing an alternative ending to the story.
- To link in with our bees topic, we will be creating informative leaflets. We will be researching information using different sources of evidence before drafting our information texts.
- We will be continuing to work on editing our own writing, including checking for spelling and punctuation errors.

Maths Focus

Key Areas of Learning:

- **Money**
 - Recognising the different coins and converting between £ and p.
 - Adding and subtracting money, including finding change.
- **Measure**
 - Measuring lengths, including mm.
 - Converting mm to cm and cm to m.
 - Adding and subtracting length.
 - Measuring the perimeter of 2D shapes.
- 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: Busy, Busy Bumble Bee

- We will be learning all about bees this half-term, beginning with a visit from a bee keeper.
- We will be learning about the importance of bees, where they live and how they make honey.
- We will be learning to use letter/number co-ordinates and to give directions using the four compass points.
- In **RSMSC**, we will be finding out about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today.

Creativity

- In **Art and Design**, we will be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keefe, who is our artist focus for the half-term.
- We will be practising our sewing skills by stitching a flower, as well as exploring photography by taking some up-close images of plants and flowers.
- In **Music**, we will be listening and responding to different pieces of music.
- In **PE**, 3B will be swimming and 3P will be working on team games.

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Plants

- In **Science**, we will be focusing on plants. We will be finding out about the different parts of a flowering plant and their function. We will also be investigating what plants need to be healthy and how water is transported in plants.
- In **Computing**, we will be creating branching databases to help identify different plants. We will also be continuing to develop our understanding of online safety.
- Our **PSHE** this half-term will be focusing on being healthy.

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 all week.