

Year 3 Overview Autumn 2021

	In class your child will....	At home you could.....
Science		
The Human Body	The children will learn about what makes a balanced diet as part of keeping themselves healthy. They will be studying the skeleton and comparing the human skeleton with animal skeletons.	<i>Talk to children about how important it is to look after themselves and to keep their teeth clean.</i>
Religious Education		
Christianity	Children will learn about the Christian creation story and how God expected the human race to look after the world. Children will consider how it feels to be a part of the Christian faith. They will learn about the story of Noah and the promises that he made to God. We will discuss promises that the children have made themselves and will link this to wedding ceremonies and the promises that people make to each other.	<i>Talk with your child about things that they think are amazing about the world and how they can be looked after. Think about the groups that you belong to within the community and any promises that you make. Talk about any weddings that you have attended.</i>
Computing		
Multimedia and Technology in Our Lives	The children will learn about safe searches on the internet and using software to present their own research. The children will also revisit how to keep safe while online as well as how to make good choices about the amount of time they spend on their devices.	<i>You could talk to your children about their use of the internet and how they can do so safely.</i>
History		
The Stone Age	The children are going to find out what changes took place in The Stone Age through to the Iron Age within farming, families and early technological innovation.	<i>Talk about what life would have been like in pre-history without electricity, the internet, running water, etc.</i>
Art		
Portraits	Children will develop their drawing skills, looking at the use of line to create portraits. They will study portraits by Picasso and compare his portraits to more classical ones. Children will draw self-portraits focusing on proportions of features.	<i>Draw different types of lines and shapes. Discuss what happens when they hold their pencil in different ways and apply lighter or heavier pressure.</i>
Design Technology		
Healthy Diet and Food	Children will learn to understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. They will use these principles to create a healthy meal and evaluate their product against the design criteria.	<i>Encourage the children to take part in food preparation at home. Discuss food types and healthy choices.</i>

Music		
Let your Spirit Fly	The children will be listening to a range of music and then answering questions based on what they have listened to. These will encourage them to discuss different instruments they can hear, the style of music and how the songs are put together. The children will also be exploring body percussion – using their body to make different sounds (e.g. stomping, patting, clapping and snapping their fingers).	<i>Encourage your child to answer questions about different music they listen to at home.</i>
Three Little Birds	The children will continue to listen and explore a range of different music. They will explore using percussion instruments and learn to play in time with the music.	<i>Discuss the different songs children have listened to at school, encourage them to sing along with any familiar parts at home.</i>
Personal, Social and Health Education		
Being Me	Children will be talking about community and how it feels to belong to a group. Children will be learning about the effects of actions on themselves and others. They will learn how to come together as a group to make decisions. They will have the opportunity to learn about different points of view.	<i>Talk to your child about different groups and communities they belong to e.g. family, Willand School, football team etc. Talk about how it feels to belong.</i>
Celebrating Differences	Children will think about themselves and what makes them unique. They will consider how being different to others can cause arguments and how to resolve this and how to be more independent when solving conflicts.	<i>Encourage your child to celebrate their uniqueness. Discuss the things that they are good at and share what they might like to improve on. Encourage your child to talk about any friendship problems and discuss strategies that they could employ when they have had a falling out.</i>
Modern Foreign Languages		
French	The children will complete different activities to improve their cultural awareness of France. They will learn to ask how someone is feeling and give a reply. They will also learn ten key colours, a song and numbers 1-10. In our unit on Animals, the children will learn ten common animals plus their appropriate indefinite article.	<i>Ask your child to teach you some of the words or phrases that they have learnt in school. Encourage them to use the French phrases for 'hello' and 'thank you' at home.</i>
Physical Education		
Dance	The children will be creating and choreographing their own dances based upon The Nutcracker. They will be looking to link a series of movements, focusing on using different levels and facial expressions.	<i>To develop their skills in dance, encourage your child to show you what they have been doing in school. Can they set those steps to their favourite music?</i>
Outdoor Education	Children will develop their teamwork whilst learning basic map reading techniques. Children will learn to orientate the map to their surroundings and take on orienteering courses in school.	<i>Encourage your child in any physical challenges they wish to set themselves, e.g. riding a bike, managing a new piece of play equipment at the park. Look at maps together, using the key to find out what the symbols mean. Using a map of the local area, challenge your child to navigate a walk to a given point.</i>