

**YEAR GROUP:** Year 3

**DATE:** 10th September 2018

**TIME ALLOCATION:** 1 Term

**TEACHERS:** Mr Duncan

**English:** This term we will be looking at the story George and the Dragon. We will have wow moments based around a dragon stalking and terrorising the school. We will explore the text and its key grammatical features of fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses. Our Talk 4 Writing program will give children an opportunity to immerse themselves in the text allowing them to experience and learn the skills required of them from the year 3 curriculum. Every lesson will set differentiated challenges for the children to complete. Can you write a story from the dragon's point of view? Can you write an alternative ending to the story? Can you write the sequel to the story?

**Maths:** The primary focus of this term is to embed the key skills at a year 3 level. We will start with place value and ensure all children have a clear understanding of the value of a number from thousands down to hundredths. We will then look at using formal methods to solve more complex addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division problems. In all of these lessons we will challenge children with word and number based problem solving.

**Science:** Our science theme this term is Rocks. We will be learning to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties. We will also learn to describe how fossils are formed and to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

**MFL:** This term the children will be developing their conversational skills. They will learn basic French vocabulary and will start to use these in simple sentences.

#### CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our school motto is, 'God's love leads us to respect each other, show endurance and be a friend to the world.' We are starting the year with the theme of respect. What does it look like to respect one another and what does the bible say about respecting others?

#### LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

This term we are looking to experience the interests of the Normans. We will invite the North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre to experience falconry first hand.

## CASTLES



The Christian Value for this term is:  
Respect

#### WHY?

After the Norman victory in the Battle of Hastings, our country experienced a change in culture, religion and technology, that rivalled the arrival of the Romans. This turmoil gives us an opportunity to study, experience and explore a fascinating time in our history.

#### WELL BEING

This term we are looking at the Jigsaw theme of, 'Being me in my world.' This will focus on how the children engage as part of a class team, a school citizen, and their right and responsibilities in the school.

#### Growth Mind-set

Growth mind-set has now been successfully embedded in our school. The children know and enjoy using 'The power of yet' and discussing 'movers and blockers' in their learning.

We will continue to look at Growth mind-set and building resilience in our learning. We will be creating a selection of mind-set quotes.

**Computing:** The school, in association with the BLSA, has purchased iPads. Having this amazing resource will further how we deliver the computing curriculum. Your children will be using them weekly to programme and code using applications such as A.L.E.X and Fix the Factory. In addition, we will use the iPads to further our cross-curricular work by researching science and topic themes.

**Religious Education:** This term we will be studying Christian beliefs about how the world was created. This will place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'. After half-term, we will learn about Hinduism. We will look at how Hindus see God as one whole, made up of a multitude of parts. We will learn about the origin of Hinduism and how it has spread around the world.

**History and Geography:** The period of time after 1066 saw a huge development in technology and national change. In History this term we will look at key castles around the country, studying how and why they were built. We will also look at the physical geography surrounding castles and evaluate why they may have been constructed in these regions. We will also look at our local area, including Taunton Castle, and discuss the human impact of settlements in the area.

**Art and Design & DT:** During the Norman conquest of England, one of the key ways of telling a story was in the use of tapestries. The most famous example is the Bayeux Tapestry and in class we will be creating basic replicas using weaving, sewing and stitching skills. The children will look at how pattern and colour enhance their tapestry.

**Music:** This term our music lessons will be taught by Mrs Williams from Somerset Music. The children have been provided with their own flutes. A permission letter for these to be able to go home will be sent out shortly, so that the enjoyment can be continued at home!

**Physical Education:** This year we are pleased to welcome coaches from Premier Sport to deliver our PE lessons. We are ensuring that all children get the highest quality PE instruction and already the children are enjoying and benefiting from their experiences. This term skills will be focussed around the sport of fencing.