

### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely and restful break. Welcome back to our final term of the academic year! This curriculum overview highlights the exciting learning opportunities ahead as we build on our achievements and finish the year strong.

### English

In English, Year 3 will explore The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare as part of their Pathways to Write learning. Throughout the unit, children will develop their reading, speaking and writing skills through drama, discussion, role-play, research and non-fiction writing activities. They will learn how to organise information using headings, subheadings and paragraphs, use a range of sentence structures, and apply appropriate tenses and subject-specific vocabulary. These skills will build progressively throughout the term, enabling pupils to confidently plan and write their final outcome: an informative guide to visiting The Globe Theatre.

### Topic

In History, Year 3 will explore the Kingdom of Benin, investigating what made it such a powerful and important civilisation. Through the use of artefacts, historical sources, images and discussions, children will learn about life in Benin, including its farming, trade, leadership and culture. In line with the National Curriculum, pupils will develop their historical enquiry skills by asking questions, interpreting evidence, understanding chronology and communicating their understanding using key historical vocabulary.

### The Kingdom of Benin



### Science

In Science, Year 3 will learn about animals, including humans, exploring the importance of nutrition, healthy diets, skeletons and muscles. Through practical investigations, observations, research and scientific enquiries, children will develop their understanding of how our bodies work while building key skills in asking questions, gathering evidence and drawing conclusions.

### Maths

In Mathematics, Year 3 will develop their understanding of fractions and time in line with the National Curriculum. Children will learn to recognise, compare and find fractions of shapes and quantities, as well as tell and write the time using both analogue and digital clocks. Learning will be supported through the use of practical resources and hands-on equipment, such as fraction strips, counters and teaching clocks, helping pupils to build confidence and deepen their mathematical understanding through exploration and problem-solving.

### PE

Centaur class will have two PE sessions a week: on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kits. Our units will be Games and Swimming.

### Computing

This term our computing unit will be 'Coding'.

### RE

Our unit this term is: 'What makes some places special to believers?'

### P.S.H.E

This half term in PSHE, our focus is 'Changing me'. In Jigsaw, our "Changing Me" topic helps children understand the changes that happen as they grow. Through sensitive, age-appropriate lessons, pupils will learn about body changes, the human life cycle, how babies are made and born, and the early stages of puberty.

### Art

This term in Art children will be exploring the enquiry question "Can we demonstrated traits of inventiveness and determination, as well as imaginations?" They will design and construct their own sculptural nests using a variety of construction materials, applying ideas of balance, structure, perseverance, and inventiveness as they problem-solve and refine their forms.

### Music

This term we will be looking at "The Enchanted Forest".