



Me, Myself and I; our Autumn Term is all about the children's individuality and uniqueness. This topic is a great basis for your child to settle in to Class 3; considering everything that makes them special as individuals and part of a community.

Geography

As geographers, we will find out about the human and physical features of our local area. We will explore the UK's economic activity, land use, settlements, climate, upland areas and England's longest rivers which we will then link to your own local area. Our learning through Commando Jo will further enhance our understanding as we work in teams to complete physical challenges.



RE

As reflective learners, Class 3 will be thinking about their own beliefs as well as those of others in their local community. This unit will provide children each with a number of challenging questions and activities to consider, discuss and engage with.

Throughout the term, we will also be thinking about Harvest and the importance of giving. Towards the end of term, we will be able to confidently discuss why Christians celebrate Christmas.



Science

Class 3 will be experts in keeping their bodies healthy through their understanding about nutrition, the importance of exercise, their hearts and more. They will investigate how water and nutrients are transported in the circulatory system and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on how their bodies function.

We will also be looking at forces in action in Science, discovering how forces affect everything around us. We will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as build models to explore the ways in which pulleys, levers and gears work!



French

Not only will we be getting to know our new class mates in English, but in French too!

These conversational phrases will be great for future holidays and adventures, too!



Homework and Spellings

Homework will be accessible via Google Classroom on a Thursday evening, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Weekly spelling tests will occur on a Wednesday and children will continue to learn the statutory list of Common Exception words throughout the year.

PSHE

What is climate change, and how is human activity causing it? Class 3 will begin to delve into this complex topic, including straightforward information about some of the effects of climate change, the evidence proving that human activity is to blame, and what can be done to address it. The children will be presented with a number of questions to get them thinking deeply about the information presented; building on their existing knowledge and demonstrating what they are learning about climate change, its effects here and abroad, and what might be done to combat it. At the end of this unit, Class 3 will be equipped with some of the knowledge they will need in the future, as climate change becomes an issue which increasingly affects us all.



Design and Technology

No one will be able to resist Class 3's 'Perfect Pizzas'. This will get us all very excited about healthy eating as we explore pizzas, discovering what a variety of toppings and bases look like, taste like and feel like. We will then have the challenge of designing and making our own pizza to meet a design brief and evaluate it based on the criteria.

We will also have fun, linked to our computing, in designing, making and evaluating a game which includes a range of mechanisms and electrical systems!



PE

You don't need a pricey plane ticket or an extravagant holiday to go on an adventure! This term Class 3 will master a range of skills, both physically and mentally, as they take on some outdoor adventure challenges linked to athletics and orienteering. These lessons will continue to take place on a Thursday; please come to school dressed in PE kit. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lee-Turner back from her maternity leave too!



Computing

Have you ever wondered how the electrical products all around us work? Class 3 will have to consider this and many other questions about computer-controlled products as they discover how simple computer systems may be constructed and programmed to make products work.

We will also focus on how to keep ourselves safe whilst using the internet; reporting concerns and recognising unacceptable behaviour.



History

This 'Leisure and Entertainment' in the 20th Century unit will teach Class 3 in depth about the rise in popularity of cinema. We will learn about how and why football became the nation's favourite sport, the social and cultural importance of the 'Swinging Sixties', why British holiday camps emerged and how television has impacted modern life. We will also learn about how developments in 20th century technology can make life in the 20th century a lot easier.

This gets us thinking about what our life, and in fact our school life, was like before technology. We will be carrying out a local history study around Whalton; asking and investigating our own questions to help us find out about what life was like, in our local area, many years ago.

Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams. Class 3 will be presented with an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.



Art

As young artists, we will explore the artistic world of self-expression; discovering how artists like Close, Picasso and Munch use different techniques to convey emotions and ideas in their work.