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Meridian Angel: Summer 1, Year 3 Sofia

Maths

This term, Year 3 will continue to learn about mass and capacity using metric units (i.e. g, kg, l, ml). We will then revisit fractions, this time with a focus on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding fractions of a number. The students will then study money and how to convert pounds and pence. We will look at real life example questions of adding and subtracting money and finding change when paying with a larger amount of money.

English

The book Year 3 will be using this half term is Harley Hitch and the Fossil Mystery by Vashti Hardy. In Reading, we will continue to use different reading strategies to support our reading and comprehension of the text, such as making inferences, questioning and clarifying. In our Writing lessons, we will be writing a narrative recap of part of the story, using a range of grammar techniques to enhance the writing. The children will draw particular attention to the use of direct speech, using expanded noun phrases and apostrophes to show missing letters.

History - Ancient Egypt

This term in Year 3 History, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt. We will begin to understand the role of the pharaoh and in particular, the importance of Tutankhamun's tomb discovery. Pupils will discuss what various artefacts tell us about the way Ancient Egyptians lived their lives and the achievements they made, as well as learning about how they wrote things down. We will then look into what their thoughts and beliefs about death were.

Science - Plants

In Science this half term, we will be looking at plants and what they need to grow. We will discuss the importance of sunlight and water for the growth of plants and how other living things in the environment help this to happen. We will learn about the function of the different parts of a plant, including the roots, stem, leaves and petals. To help with this, Year 3 will be carrying out an experiment in which they will grow plants in different conditions to see the effects it has on the growth of the plant.

PSHE - Relationships

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the different relationships children have with those around them. This includes being aware of family roles and responsibilities, friendships with their peers and how to calmly solve problems and conflicts that may arise. We will also discuss their roles and a global citizen and how their lives differ from other children their age. Year 3 will also look at the importance of staying safe online and lastly, celebrating all the relationships they have with others.

Physical Education

Outdoor - Cricket

This term, we are fortunate enough to have a coach come in weekly to teach the children cricket. Coach Zak, of Capital Kids Cricket will deliver weekly sessions where the students will learn the rules and skills needed to play cricket. They will develop their understanding of the specific roles of bowler, wicket keeper, fielder and batter. They will practise striking a ball while trying to avoid fielders so they can run between wickets to score runs.

Indoor - Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)

OAAallows pupils to develop problem solving skills through a range of challenges. Pupils will work independently, as a pair and in a small group to plan, explore, solve, reflect, and improve on strategies. Pupils learn what makes a good team and explore key skills such as inclusion and trust. Year 3 will begin to learn to use a map for directions, identify key symbols and draw and follow routes.

Our PE days are on **Tuesday** and **Thursday.**

Art - Sculpture: Abstract Shape

Year 3 will be looking at sculptures and the use of abstract shapes. We Will begin by appraising the Tree of Life sculpture in Milan (by Marco Balich). We will look at and create 3D drawings using a combination of spiral, zigzag and curved lines, with the aim of creating our own sculptures using these drawings.

DT - Textiles: Egyptian Collars

In this unit, pupils will learn to use cross-stitching to join to pieces of fabric or as a decorative feature. They will design, cut and shape their template for an Egyptian collar and decorate it using techniques such as applique, beads and buttons.

Geography - Biomes and Climates

In Geography, Year 3 will learn about the different biomes found around the world and the climates in relation to the equator. The six major biomes we will learn about are rainforests, deserts, savannahs, woodlands, grasslands and tundra. In each of these lessons, we will learn about the plants (flora) and animals (fauna) that are present there and the temperatures of the environments.

Music - Enfield Music Recorder

In music this term, Year 3 will have recorder lessons delivered by Enfield Music. These weekly sessions will give the students an opportunity to learn an instrument and a piece of music which they will perform as a class. They will begin by learning how to hold and blow into their recorder correctly, and then how to play different notes before moving onto playing a sequence of notes to make a tune.

RE - Big Question: What did the Buddha teach his followers about life?

Key questions to be addressed

- Who is Siddartha and what did he discover?
- What did the Buddha realise when he became enlightened?
- What do you think causes suffering?
- What do you think is the most important thing anyone can achieve in their lifetime?
- What did the Buddha teach his followers about life?

Computing -Stop Frame Animation

This unit introduces learners to the concept of animation through the use of simple stop-frame animations. Students will learn the basic principles, including how to sequence images to create the illusion of movement. They will first be making simple flip-book animations before moving onto digital creation. They will plan and create their own animations, evaluating and improving their work each lesson before adding media elements such as text and sound.