

What am I learning this half term?

Mrs Lee will teach all pupils in Class 3, with support from Mrs Lyons. Mrs Lyons will deliver the ICT lessons to the children.

Years 3 and 4 will be taught together, but will work in small groups, as a whole class and independently where appropriate.

This term we have a real focus on geography, completing a 'UK Place Study' on the city of York, and then considering our local area in 'How can I explore my world?'

Geography

UK Place Study

As well as looking into the geography of York as a city, the children will learn to read and use Ordnance Survey maps alongside more commonly-used maps. They will plot a route to take them from school to York, using OS maps, Google Maps and public transport information. There will be an opportunity to compare the city with our own home and also try to answer the question: why do people live next to a river that floods?

Geography

How can I explore my world?

This topic is always enjoyed by the children as we look more closely into our local area. We think about the roads and infrastructure of where we live, what's on offer locally, who our neighbours are and whether we are connected, and then compare our neighbours with ourselves.

RSHE

Health and well-being

During the Summer 2 term, the children have the opportunity to learn sensitively about how our bodies change as we grow up, how our emotions change alongside this, how important personal hygiene is and the challenges faced by boys and girls as independent groups of young people.

Music

The children are continuing to enjoy their music lessons each Wednesday afternoon. At present they are all learning to play the ukulele and are showing definite signs of increasing confidence! They learn as a whole class in the school hall and find this a very enjoyable lesson.

RE

What do different people believe about God?

This RE unit gives the children the opportunity to think about other religions than Christianity. They will consider: What do I think about believing in God? What do Christians believe about God? What do stories tell us about God in Christianity? What do Muslims believe about Allah? What do Muslims believe about the Quran? How do Hindu people show what they believe? Why are three of the Hindu gods especially important? What difference does it make to life if you don't believe in God? What are the similarities and differences about beliefs in God? What have we learned about God?

Art/DT

We have two focus topics this term: our artist is Camille Pissarro and his style and subject/medium of choice. The children will examine his work and techniques and use this to create a piece of art of their own, in his style. In DT the children will be designing and making a Viking purse, which will involve their sewing skills (they will be taught different stitches).