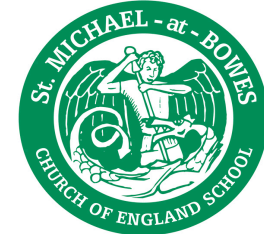




## YEAR 3 CURRICULUM LETTER SPRING TERM



### **English:**

Our writing will be heavily influenced by our work in Geography and History this term. We will have four main writing units: Newspaper articles around the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, a narrative form a Volcanic setting, a retelling of the Epic of Gilgamesh and a non-fiction write to bring our learning together.

### **Geography:**

Our first unit is centered around Volcanoes. We will learn about eruptions, the forming of volcanoes and the impact volcanoes have on people and the areas surrounding them, with a focused study on Mount Etna. Following this, we will look at Settlements and cities.

As ever in Geography, our main focus is not only on developing key knowledge but also geographical enquiry skills that can be applied to any topic.

### **Physical Education:**

PE this term is split into 4 main areas: striking and fielding games, dance, net-wall games and invasion games.

### **Maths:**

As well as continuing to consolidate our understanding of place value and mental and written strategies for the four operations, year 3 will be moving onto look at fractions. This will include finding fractions of amounts, recognising and writing fractions, comparing fractions and finding equivalent fractions. In Spring 2 we will focus on measurement which will include comparing length and mass before we move onto reading and writing the time from analogue clocks and using this to solve problems.

### **Religious Education:**

Pupils will be learning about the core beliefs and practices of Judaism in order to answer the question: What does it mean to be a Jew? We are planning on taking the year group to a local synagogue.

Our Easter unit will ask the question: Who is the most significant person in the Easter story? This will lead us into preparation for our Easter production at St.Cuthbert's church. As always in RE, we will encourage the pupils to reflect on and share their own ideas and beliefs in connection to our topics.

### **PSHE:**

Through the UNCRC, we will be focusing on articles 3, 12, 13, 22 and 24 and the impact these rights have on ourselves and other children around the world.

We will also have a session with PC Doris who will talk to the year 3 children about being safe around strangers.

### **Computing:**

We will consolidate our use of Word processing programs by giving our pupils opportunities to present their work in typed form.

### **Science:**

Our first topic this term is Rocks. We will observe and compare the different properties of rocks.

Our second topic is light and shadows.

We will also be continuing to develop our four key Science Ninja skills – observing, use of equipment, measuring and recording – through a variety of practical tasks.

### **History:**

We will be looking at the Ancient Egyptians for the first six weeks this term. We will look at the way they lived and learn about some of their core beliefs about life after death.

After half term, we will start a topic called Cradles of Civilisation which will further support our understanding of chronological order.

### **Art/Design, Technology and Music:**

In Art we will revisit observational sketches based on Ancient Egyptian artefacts and the treasures found in King Tutankhamun's tomb. We will explore collage as a medium for displaying Volcanic power.

In music, we will identify a range of instruments and the sounds they make before focusing on singing as an ensemble during our Easter production.