

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 3 Spring Term 2

English

In English, we will look at a traditional tale with a twist as we delve into the world of the Egyptian Cinderella. We will compare this ancient version with the more widely known Cinderella, and then use the structure to create our own narratives.

Then Year 3 will look into creative, descriptive poetry as they read 'I asked the Boy who cannot see'. We will study the structure and then look at using some of the literary and figurative techniques in our own poems.

Maths

After half term we will continue to practice our times tables and related division facts. We will continue to practice a range of times tables and related division facts through various different methods. We focus particularly on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables as children will identify and understand the relationships and patterns between these specific tables. They then investigate other tables with similar relationships.

Year 3 then focus on unpicking, practicing and mastering formal written methods such as column addition and subtraction. We start by using concrete resources alongside our written methods so that children can make that connection between concrete and abstract. Children will then take these skills on to solving more complex, multi-step problems.

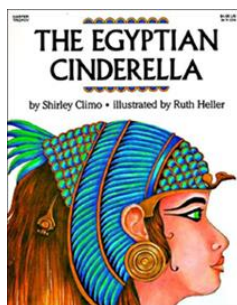
Science

In Science, Year 3 will be learning all about plants – what they need to thrive, the different parts and their functions, how to care for their own seeds and how different plants disperse their seeds to create offspring.

RE

In RE, children will finish studying their listening and sharing unit by analysing why Christians perform certain actions because of their faith. They will focus on communion and taking the message forth to others.

We then move onto our Lenten unit which focuses on Jesus' giving all to us. Children will investigate what it means to give all to others, as a way of living, and openly and honestly acknowledging the difficulty of it.



History

In History, we will be focusing on the culture and lifestyle of the Ancient Egyptians. Children start by looking at the chronology of this Ancient civilisation, comparing them to early Britons. They will also learn about the religion and Gods important to Ancient Egyptians, their hierarchy, mummification process and all the inventions they created to make their lives easier. Children will visit the Great North Museum to study their exhibit and enrich their learning. We finish the topic by re-creating the mummification process using tomatoes!

DT

In DT, children will extend their learning of the Ancient Egyptians through the creative practice of sewing. They will study and practice different types of stitch before designing and then creating their very own Egyptian collars.

Music

In Music, children will listen to and learn to sing along to a pop song called the Dragon Song.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about the Gospel story Jairus' daughter in various creative and reflective ways. Through story and discussion, children will learn that they are designed for a purpose and how they should live in light of this. A second session unpacks the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation as a foretaste of heaven and a wonderful part of our relationship with God.

PE

In PE, with our NUFC coach, Evie, we will be looking at stick and ball skills through playing hockey. Children will learn the fundamental moves before using them in games. We also have another coach coming in to deliver dance sessions on a Thursday morning.

French

The children will revise their learning so far and practice more short conversations in small groups. They will test their knowledge and understanding of place names, numbers, colours and classroom commands. Children will also practice some short songs and rhymes in French.