

## Writing

Initially, our English work will be linked to our topic where we will be writing to a farm in Devon to help us plan for the developments on Ashleigh Farm. We will then be looking at improving our descriptive writing using something called the dramatic imagination (describing sound and silence, movement and stillness and darkness and light). Towards the end of the term we will be using a Talk for Writing text to help write instructions.

Each week we will have a dedicated lesson which will look at a particular aspect of grammar which will be our focus for the week.

In year 3 we have weekly spellings which will be published on the class blog for the children to practice at home. We will also begin to practice joined up handwriting.

## Outdoor Learning

Tuesday afternoons this term are dedicated to outdoor learning. Year 3 will be out on the farm doing practical jobs to help rejuvenate the space. We will also be using the forest school for a project on art in the outdoors.

***Please make sure your child has wellies and a coat in school, we'll be out in all weathers.***

## Topic

During this half term we will be learning all about farming. We will be making the most of Ashleigh Farm and the children will be involved in the planning and creation of some exciting new parts of the farm. We will also be learning about food miles, fair trade and animal freedoms. We will be working closely with Trill Farm, a small organic vegetable farm in Devon, run by Mr Wheeler's brother.

## Science

It's all about plants in science this half term. We will be dissecting plants, learning about how water is transported around plants, finding out about pollination and of course growing lots of new plants on the farm.

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## Year 3 Topic Web

### Autumn Term 1

## P.E.

***Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please can children come to school in their PE kit. They will keep it on all day.*** As the weather gets colder they will need tracksuit bottoms and a jumper.

## Computing

We will use the iPads to research about our topic, produce posters and leaflets and take photographs.

## Maths

This first half term focusses on place value. This is about understanding the value of all the digits in a three-digit number. Children will learn to partition (break down) numbers this into hundreds, tens and ones which will help when calculating with larger numbers.

We will also begin to look at counting in 3s and 4s and recap on times tables taught in year 2. Later in the term we will look at addition and subtraction of numbers in the hundreds using the column method.

Each week in maths we will also have a session dedicated to arithmetic. Much of this will be assessing any gaps the children have in calculation and recapping learning from Year 2. We will be introducing the children to Sumdog and TT Rockstars, two great maths apps.

## Reading

During our guided reading lessons we will look at comprehension and reading fluency. This half term we will be using a range of great picture books by authors such as Shaun Tan and Linda Sarah. We will also be reading Charlotte's Web as a class.

Reading is a really important part of our day in year 3. The children will have regular opportunities to get stuck into their own reading, be read to, read in a group and read 1-1 with an adult.

## French

On a Thursday afternoon the children will be starting French lessons with Dr. Maillard.