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**Music**

This term, the children will learn to recognize some style indicators of Disco music; they will listen to Disco songs and continue to use musical vocabulary to help them to express their opinions of a piece. Then they will accompany the song “Bringing us Together” with instruments and own choreography.

**Computing**

In Computing, the children will continue to learn about the importance of keeping safe on the Internet. They will learn how to use emails safely and identify when emails should not be opened and when an attachment may not be safe. They will also learn the difference between online communication tools used in school and those used at home. They will use the Chromebooks to enhance their touch-typing skills.

**Art & Design Technology**

In Art, the children will be learning about Stone Age paintings and will look at the Lascaux Cave Paintings that provide historical evidence. They will create a background using a wash and use marks and lines to show texture in their art. In DT, we will explore how food ingredients come together and the effect that they have on each other while preparing our Stone Age bakery. We will also use appropriate equipment to measure ingredients accurately and effectively.

**Visits, visitors & special events**

The children will be enjoying visits from Conservation Education Officers from Chester Zoo. Within these sessions, they will learn about wildlife and how critical it is to conserve it to save endangered species.

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**Maths**

This term, Year 3 will be continuing to use the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. We will retrieve mental strategies learnt last term to help the children choose the most appropriate method and become more efficient mathematicians. The children will then continue to consolidate their knowledge of the 3- and 4-times tables, whilst beginning to learn the 8s. Initially, children will use resources and images to support their understanding before moving to formal written methods. Developing their mental recall of times tables is vital as the children will then apply this knowledge to using written methods for both multiplication and division. Additional practice on Times Table Rock Stars at home will support this. We will finish the term by looking at fractions.

**English**

During Spring Term, we will be studying ‘Leon and The Place Between’, a beautifully illustrated portal story. The children will write setting and character descriptions including speech within their own story. They will also write instructions related to baking. We will continue to work on the children’s application of phonics, spelling, handwriting and reading. We welcome support from home to encourage as much reading as possible.

**Religious Education**

This term, we will be learning about how Christians use the Bible to help them with their lives. We will also explore who Jesus was, how he is represented and learn about the Easter story. We will also learn about Buddhism.

**Physical Education**

This term, we will be focusing on learning Netball and Basketball skills. The children will use a variety of passes accurately, know how to intercept a pass when defending and work as a team to create scoring opportunities.

**History & Geography (Humanities)**

In History, we will continue to learn about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will explore a range of different artefacts and discuss how these have changed over time. They will also learn about the history of Ellesmere Port and how life was when the canal was the main way of communication. In Geography, the children will learn about rivers and investigate why people choose to live by rivers. They will also use atlases to find the main rivers in the world.

**Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education**

We will be continuing with our work on Children’s Rights this term, ensuring that the children understand the importance of these for themselves. The children will be participating in Sex and Relationships Education lessons this term as well as understanding how the media influence our decisions.

**Science**

The children will continue to investigate a different role of flowers as part of a flowering plant lifecycle to demonstrate an understanding of how our world changes throughout the year. Additionally, during the first half term, the children will be learning about vibrations from sound. Following this, they will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants and investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. Scientific enquiry will continue to be a focus skill so that children develop an inquisitive mind.

**French**

In French, we will continue to apply our previous learning about greetings and using our manners in French. The children will then learn to use the numbers from 0-20 and play French playground games. They will also learn about how birthdays are celebrated in France.