



Year 3 – Summer Term Overview

Reading

- The children will read a wide range of texts from across the three main genres (Fiction, Non-fiction and Poetry). These include poems such as *'From a Railway Carriage'* by Robert Louis Stephenson, extracts from *'The Iron Man'* by Ted Hughes and books by Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang, together with biographies of notable people.
- Our class reading books are: *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and *'Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Zombies'* by Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang.
- The children will focus on their reading skills including retrieval of information, inference, explaining the meaning of vocabulary, summarising and making predictions.

Writing

- The children will write for a range of purposes, many of which have been linked to class texts or our topic of 'Florida: The Sunshine State'. These include stories, explanation texts, diaries, non-chronological reports and a biography of Rosa Parks.
- The children will develop their writing skills including noun phrases, fronted adverbials of time and place, speech with accurate punctuation, and co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Maths

- The children will consolidate their knowledge of a range of different maths skills and strategies this term.
- These include number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and statistics.
- The children will explore problem solving, reasoning questions and investigations, working both independently and collaboratively with others.
- The children will practise their knowledge of mental maths facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and corresponding division facts.

Wider Curriculum

- Our topic this term is 'Florida: The Sunshine State'. With a focus on geography, we will use The Magic Kingdom as a stimulus and learn about where Florida is, why it is a peninsula, why the Kennedy Space centre is located in Florida and how the state is affected by adverse weather conditions such as hurricanes.
- In our RE lessons, we will learn about Judaism, including where Jewish people worship and what it is like to follow Judaism. To enrich our learning, we will visit the beautiful, historic Singer's Hill Synagogue in Birmingham.
- In science, we will focus on 'Plants', exploring what plants need to grow and the lifecycle of a flowering plant.
- We will be exploring sculpture in our art lessons and will create our own piece of sculpture considering the spaces beneath and around objects.

How can I help at home?

Reading ideas:

Share a range of stories, poems and information books.

Visit the library.

Listen to your child read at least 4 times per week.

Talk to them about books you have been reading.

Writing ideas:

Write about places you have been to

Keep a diary of important events.

Maths ideas:

Reciting times tables together

Using the club sheets to secure number facts.