

Lydgate Junior School

# Curriculum Overview

## Year 3 Autumn term 1

The theme for this half term is...

### Local Study: What's Through the Window?

#### English

We will be revising the Key Stage 1 writing skills this half term and gradually building the children's stamina to write more. We will be using stories to inspire the children to write, starting with some Flat Stanley books, then we will read *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. The children will learn about some word classes and how to use ambitious vocabulary in their writing. They will learn how to write instructions using imperative verbs and will write detailed descriptions of a setting. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read widely and as often as possible. They could note down any new words that they read.



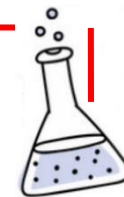
#### Maths

We will start by looking at our number system and the symbols we use to write numbers. The children will explore place value and use different representations to show the value of the digits in a three-digit number. We will then work on mental addition and subtraction of ones, tens and hundreds. We will be revising the 10, 5 and 2 times tables. You can help at home by practising the times tables and by counting in 10s and 100s from different starting points.



#### Science

Our science topic is Forces and magnets. The children will start by finding out about pushing and pulling forces. They will plan a fair investigation into friction using different surfaces. They will also investigate magnetic materials and everyday uses of magnets. They will find out that magnets have two poles that attract or repel each other.



#### Geography

Our geography topic focuses on the local area. We will start by looking at the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker and describing different types of land use.

The children will look at and sketch maps of the school and Crosspool. They will also look at how the land use has changed over time by looking at photographs and maps.



#### Religious Education

Our RE question for this half term is 'What Do Christians Learn from the Creation Story?' The children will make links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation. They will ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today, and for people who are not Christians.

#### Other Subjects

Computing – Using Word to combine images and text, using Google Earth and Digimaps to locate and explore places in the World  
PE – Fundamentals, agility and coordination  
Music – RnB music  
RHE – The three-part brain, an introduction to Zones of Regulation  
Spanish – counting to 12, greetings



#### RRS

The children in Y3 will be learning what it means to be a Rights Respecting School this half term. They will be introduced to the UNCRC and will understand that every child has these rights.

They will also look at the Whole School Charter and consider how it supports the Rights of the Child.

We will focus on the rights associated with the four areas of our Whole School Charter: education, safety, play and respect.



#### Art

We will be concentrating on the natural world and using the trees in our school grounds for inspiration. The children will start by sketching and making a pen drawing of a tree focusing on line and shape. We will look at some work by the impressionist painters, then they will paint trees focusing on mixing autumn colours.



#### Enrichment Activities

A local walk around Crosspool to look at land use:  
1-10-24 3JD & 3R/S  
3-10-24 3BN & 3ML

