Spring Term 2025 Curriculum Newsletter

## Years 3 and 4

# France

## ENGLISH

The children love reading a text together every day and improving their comprehension skills. This term's class texts are as follows:

- Y3 Roses: George's Marvellous Medicine and The Iron Man
- Y3/4 Lavender: Varjak Paw and The Witches
- Y4 Daffodils: Stig of the Dump and The Firework Maker's Daughter.

We will use our class texts as a stimulus for writing stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. In spelling, we will continue to focus on rules and patterns. The children will develop their editing skills.

## FRENCH

The children will continue to use their French dictionaries and translate key words from a fairy tale. They will also learn vocabulary to name colours and parts of the body. They will learn to sing Head, shoulders, knees and toes in French.

## <u>DT</u>

The children will learn more about Healthy Eating and use a balanced diet to create a sandwich lunch inspired by on our France topic.

#### <u>PE</u>

The children will be developing their ability to balance on a line. They will learn about the importance of evaluating performances and describing what they can do well. In gymnastics, the children will learn about different types of jumps and leaps. Pupils in Daffodils class will be developing their swimming techniques this term.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

This terms topic has a geography focus. Children will find the location of countries in Europe, focusing on their physical and human geographical features, including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers. We will then, study the geographical similarities and differences between the United Kingdom and a region in France. Children will develop their map reading skills by using four-figure grid references.

#### MATHS

Year 3 will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, Length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity. Year 4 will focus on Multiplication and Division, Length and perimeter, fractions and decimals. The children will also have frequent opportunities to develop their fluency in maths and their mental maths skills, applying

them purposefully.

#### MUSIC

We will explore singing songs in French and then preparing for our Easter production. Y3-4 Lavender Class will be learning how to play a brass instrument.

## <u>ART</u>

The children will recap knowledge that they have about colour mixing and primary and secondary colours. They will learn about tints and shades and use this knowledge to paint 3D forms. They will use a range of paints and brush sizes to develop their skills with colour blocking and washes.

#### **SCIENCE**

This term children will learn about forces and magnets: exploring gravity, pushes and pulls and relating this to attraction and repulsion in magnets. Later, they will look at classifying living things being able building on their knowledge of plants and animals by knowing the difference between types of invertebrates and vertebrates.

## RE

The children will be learning about the basic beliefs of Buddhism and Buddhist teachings. In the second half of the spring term children will be learning about the Easter story.

## COMPUTING

Within this term's Computing, children will explore the internet. Children will recognise the internet as a network of networks including the WWW, and why we must evaluate online content (linked to PSHE).

In our branching databases learning, children will build and use branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions (links made with their work in Science).

#### PSHE

This term the children will be learning about the importance of giving and receiving consent, what makes a community and shared responsibilities. Then in the second half of the term, we will focus on online safety including how data is shared and used. Then looking at the importance of financial choices.