

Curriculum Newsletter 2025-26

Class: Thimbleberry

Term: Autumn 1



Being a Reader



This half-term we will be reading *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Tod-Stanton. It is a magical adventure story about a curious boy who uses bravery and knowledge to save his town.

Throughout the sequence children will be provided with opportunities to develop skills of retrieval, inference, summarising and sequencing through taking part in class discussions, completing practical activities and answering questions. They will also explore the meanings of new vocabulary.

Being an Author



We will be using the picture book *The Heart and the Bottle* by Oliver Jeffers during our writing sessions. This will aid us in developing our prediction skills by working out what is happening in the pictures. In our writing, we will be retelling events in order and describing characters. There will be a focus on using descriptive language, including adverbs and adjectives, as well as learning how to organise our writing in order to be effective.

Being a Philosopher



Year 3 will learn about Hindu beliefs, including the concept of Brahman, the tri-murti, and how different deities represent aspects of life. Through discussion and creative activities, pupils will make links between Hindu beliefs and how these influence the way Hindus choose to live.

Being a Mathematician



This half-term, pupils will focus on developing their understanding of place value, including representing and comparing three-digit numbers. They will practise counting in multiples, finding 10 and 100 more or less, and applying addition and subtraction strategies across tens and hundreds.

Being a Scientist



Our Science topic this half term is '*Animals, including humans*'. We will understand that humans need skeletons for support, protection and movement and explore how the skeleton provides support for muscles. We will look at the importance of a balanced diet. We will research a famous scientist, Marie Curie, and investigate her significance in the development of x-ray machines.

Being an Athlete



Year 3 pupils will be developing fundamental movement skills: running, jumping, co-ordination, throwing, catching, kicking and striking.

Being a Musician



This term, children are creating simple melodies inspired by a country garden, using rhythm and pitch notation. We will have fun singing, composing, and learning musical features like treble clefs and time signatures, while listening to music from folk tunes to modern pieces.

Being a Historian



Pupils will learn about key events and developments across the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age, creating timelines and exploring how settlements evolved over time. They will investigate changes in housing, religion, and strategic sites like hill forts, using evidence to reason and explain their significance.

Being an Artist



In this art unit, children will explore the work of contemporary artist Chowwai Cheung, learning how she uses colour, tone, and form in her portraits. They will practise their skills in using pencil grades, mixing tints, tones, and shades, and applying geometric lines to create expressive, monochromatic portraits.

Being a Citizen



Year 3 are learning all about friendship—what it means to be a good friend and why friends matter so much. We are going to talk about how to keep friendships strong, how to sort out agreements and how friendships can change as we grow.

Being a Computer Scientist



In this unit, Year 3 will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. They will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents.