

Year 3 – Spring 1 Term

Mountains

English

Using the 'Power of Reading' scheme, we will use the texts 'Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine and 'How the stars came to be' by Poonam Mistry to deepen our understanding of sentence writing and grammatical techniques.

We will also be embarking on the Mary Myatt Reading Project using the texts 'Guardians of Magic' by Chris Riddell and 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton to deepen our knowledge of vocabulary and author techniques.

There will be a spelling test each week linked to the Year 3 spelling list alongside weekly spelling lessons to familiarise the children with spelling and grammar rules.

Mathematics

This half term in Maths we will be mainly focusing on multiplication and division. We will also be learning a variety of strategies to help with problem solving and reasoning as well as completing our *Flashback 4's* to recap sticky knowledge.

We will also be having weekly 'Maths Whizz' and arithmetic lessons to help compliment the work being carried out in class each week.

D&T and French

This half term we will be researching seasonal fruits and veg as well as learning how to prepare food safely which will culminate in making our own fruit kebabs.

In French, the children will continue their work on greetings and numbers to 10.

PE

Mr Senior will be working with the children in their PE lessons to develop their throwing, catching and teamwork skills through the sports of hand ball and tag rugby.

Geography

This half term, the key objectives we will be using as geographers are:

- explain what a mountain is and the ways in which mountains are formed
 - Use atlases to identify key mountain ranges across the world
 - Identify and label the key features of mountain ranges
- Can say what the weather is usually like in a mountainous region
- Compare mountain climates in Europe with those in North/South America

Science

This half term in science we will be completing work on our topic of 'Rocks'.

The Fossils and Soils unit in the White Rose Science scheme introduces pupils to how fossils are formed and what they can tell us about living things from the past. Children learn that fossils are created when plants and animals are trapped in rock over long periods of time, and that not all living things fossilise. The unit also explores different types of soil, comparing their properties such as texture, drainage, and composition. Pupils investigate how soils are formed from rocks and organic matter and consider why different soils are suitable for different plants and purposes.

Music

This half term, Mr Doherty will be delivering a whole class instrumental music project to the class, concluding with a performance playing ukeles and glockenspiels in front of other Rochdale schools at the Baum in Rochdale in February 2026.

RE

This half term we will be continuing with our 'Lighting the Path' scheme and will be focusing on the topic 'Galilee to Jerusalem'.

In this unit we will be studying Jesus' journey, ministry, and what it reveals about who he is and how people are called to respond.

Children will learn how Jesus shared God's message through actions and words, showing care for ordinary people and that Jesus' ministry was about bringing people closer to God.