

Summer Term Year 3



Think like a Reader

Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo

This is a story of an orphan girl who finds a lost bear cub and she begs Grandfather to keep him. To her surprise grandfather agrees but unbeknown to her he has ulterior motives. Following an incident with a local boy, the villagers want the bear to be sent away. A cage is built in the village, as a compromise, and all seems fine for a while. Until, that is, a film crew arrives...

In addition to this we will also be reading **The Magicians Nephew** by C. S Lewis, which explains how the tales of Narnia began, through the adventures of Polly and Digory. The plot centers around these children as they explore an abandoned attic that connects their homes. They take a wrong turn and end up in a study which belongs to Digory's strange uncle. When Polly disappears to another land Digory must figure out a way to get her home safe. They then embark on a series of adventures in Narnia.

We are reading...



Think like a Writer

This term we will learn how to write:

A third person narrative written from the perspective of an animal.

A narrative containing dialogue based around 'Claudius decides' linking with our history topic.

Advanced instructional writing linked to our art topic Batik.

Think like a Mathematician

During the summer term, we will be continuing with our measurement unit of work. We will be learning how to measure the length and perimeter of different objects and shapes, converting between mm, cm and m. Next, we will move onto learning how to measure the mass and capacity of different objects and liquids converting between g and kg, and also ml and l. We finish the year by learning about statistics and shape (properties of 2D and 3D shapes and different types of angles).

Think like a Scientist

Continuing with Plants:

At the start of this term, we will be continuing with our plants topic, focusing on the purpose of flowers and how plants pollinate. The children will also learn about how water moves through plants in an exciting experiment in which dyed water travels to the petals.

Light:

We will then be moving on to our Light topic in which we will complete different experiments about how we see light and how shadows are created.

Think like an Artist

This term in Art, we will combine form and texture to create relief images and then combine these skills to build 3D insects, taking inspiration from Louise Bourgeois.

Towards the end of the term, we will learn techniques to create a negative space using paint and explore the contrast between foreground and background.

Think like a Linguist

¡Hola! ¿Qué tal?

This term we will be learning how to greet each other in Spanish, introduce ourselves and say how we feel.

Think like a Geographer

OS Map skills and Fieldwork - This term we will be using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries, describe features studied and build our knowledge of the wider world. We will also use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Think like a Person of Faith

What do some deities tell Hindus about

God? To answer this, we will focus on Ganesh and Lakshmi and what particular blessings they bestow.

What is the best way for a Hindu to lead a good life?

To answer this, we will learn how the Hindu beliefs in Karma, Atman and Moksha may affect the actions they take in their lives including devotion to God and actions to help society.

Think like a Musician

This term, the children will be exploring orchestral music through Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, learning about instruments, texture, and creating their own magical compositions. They will also discover traditional singing games, exploring rhythm, lyrics, and movement while learning about their cultural origins. By the end of the term, children will have created and performed their own singing game, developing musical creativity, performance skills, and an appreciation of different musical styles.

Think like a Designer

Systems - How are things powered? In this unit of work, we will look at different types of energy and how these can be used to power different devices. We will also consider how design choices are influenced by energy sources.

Structures - What makes a bridge strong? In this unit of work, we will investigate how the shape and features of a bridge can affect how strong it is. We will also identify types of bridges and the structural changes that engineers and architects make to increase the stability of structures.

Think like a Computational Thinker

Creativity (Media)

We will be learning how to create documents by modifying text, images, and page layouts for a specified purpose.

Programming

In this unit, we will be learning how to write algorithms and programs that use a range of events to trigger sequences of actions.

Think like a Digital Citizen

This term, we will be learning about the importance of managing online information and what copyright and ownership mean. We will be looking at online bullying, ensure the children know what to do if they experience it and who they can talk to about it.

Think like a Historian

Iron Age:

We will be continuing to learn about prehistory, mainly focussing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be comparing how civilisations lived and the technologies used in these three time periods.

Roman Empire and the Impact on Britain:

We will be learning about the Romans and the impact they had on Britain and key historical events that happened during the Roman period.

Think like a Responsible Citizen

In PSHE we will focus our learning around the question: **What should I do in an emergency?** We will be discussing how to keep safe if an emergency does occur. Towards the end of the term we will be thinking about: **How can we empathise with others?** In this we will be focusing on how to overcome goals and how to empathise with others if faced with a difficult situation.

Think like an Athlete

Our focus in P.E for this term will be athletics, where we will be learning how to throw, jump and sprint with increasing speed and accuracy. We then move onto learning how to play cricket, with a member from the local Attenborough Cricket Club coming in to coach the children on how to throw, catch and bowl.