



## Year 3

### Spring : Curriculum Overview

#### Geography – Regions of the UK

In Geography for the Our World unit, we will focus on Regions of the UK with a focus on the North West. We will identify human and physical characteristics and different topographical features (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), investigate different types of settlements and the significance of water for these settlements, compare the North West with different regions and look at how land use in Manchester has changed over the years.

#### English



Our writing focus in Spring 1 will be the book George's Marvellous Medicine. Within the half term, we will look at writing instructions of our own Marvellous Medicine. We will then learn about advertising and create an advert for our own version of George's medicine.

#### Maths

In Maths, this term we will be reviewing Place Value and the four calculations (add, subtract, multiply, division). We will then be exploring fractions before we move on to learn about Money. Within Money, we will be investigating identifying amounts, calculating amounts and problem solving.

#### Science

In Science, we will be investigating Forces and Magnets. In this unit, we will investigate that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance, observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others and compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. We will carry out investigations around how things move on different surfaces and how magnetic objects, how long an item remains magnetised and how different magnets have different strengths.

#### Other Curriculum Areas

RE – Why do people pray? (Faiths: Christianity, Islam and Hinduism)  
 Design Technology- Designing and building a toy that uses a pneumatic system.  
**Music – Recorders (Every Wednesday morning)**  
 PE – Bollywood Dancing  
 PSHCE – Healthy Lifestyles  
 Computing – creating media: Stop Motion Animation

## Empowering Learning Skills

This term we will be building on our 'Empowering Learning Skills' across the school. It is important that we explicitly teach children about learning behaviours. A learning behaviour is any behaviour that supports learning, such as paying attention to the teacher or persevering with a difficult task. In years 3&4, we will be focussing on being 'Effective Participants' by listening closely to points made by others, showing empathy, following instructions independently and trying new ideas, even if feeling nervous.



## UN Convention of the Rights of the Child

*We are taking part in OutRight 2023-24 which is a campaign to empower children to learn how climate change threatens children's rights and how we can protect them. This term they will learn about the campaign. The Rights Respecting Councillors have also been listening to children's ideas in terms of what they would like to change in school and the community as well as in Manchester and globally. This term the councillors will choose a campaign and will work with classes to make their voices heard.*

*Article 2- The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.*

*Article 12- Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.*

*Article 28- Every child has the right to an education.*

*Article 31- Every child has the right to relax and play.*

## Important Dates

**Week Beginning 5th February 2024: Children's mental health awareness week**

**6th February 2024: Safer Internet Day**

**Spring 1 Ends: Friday 16th February 2024 at 3.25pm**

**Spring 2 Begins: Monday 26th February 2024**

**Class Assembly 3MC: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 9.15am**

**Class Assembly 3SB: 21<sup>th</sup> March 2024 9.15am**

**Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March: Progress Evenings**