



## Year 3

### Spring 2: Curriculum Overview

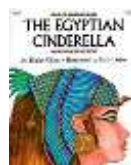
#### History

In History, we will be researching different ancient civilisations such as Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt and The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China.

We will be looking at their features and important characteristics which make them unique. We will be looking at differences and similarities, as well as questioning why their locations are near rivers. Then, we will have an in-depth look into Ancient Egypt, looking at irrigation, language, medicine and pharaohs.



#### English



Our writing focus in Spring 2 will be based on the book *The Egyptian Cinderella*. We will be completing short writing activities around this book to support a longer piece of writing to retell the story using a 'plan, write and edit' sequence of lessons. We will also be giving the children to create their own stories in our creative writing unit. We will choose some scenarios that we have picked up from the children's ideas and support them in writing their own stories.

#### Maths

In Mathematics, we will be investigating geometry focusing on triangles and angles. We will be revisiting the four written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with a focus on problem solving. Then, we will furthering our knowledge of using money: being able to convert pence to pounds, give change and add money together.

#### Science

This half term we will be learning about plants. We will be learning about and sketching common British plants and trees. Our experiments will include investigating how water travels through the plant and what the requirements are for a plant to grow and be healthy. Both of these investigations will involve making observations over time and recording the results. We will also be learning about the life cycle of flowering plants and methods of seed dispersal.

#### Other Curriculum Areas

RE – Why do people pray?

Art- Working with Shape and Colour

Music – The Dragon Song

PE – Gymnastics

PSHCE – Living in the wider world – we will be learning about rules and laws – we will be talking about fairness and why we need laws; Global and local communities and how important they are and the support they give and finally work and money.

Computing – Branching Databases <https://www.j2e.com/jit5#branch>

French - Je peux (I can) - in this unit children will learn 10 verbs and will use these to say what they can and cannot do as well as use conjunctions to extend their sentences .

### Behaviour and attitudes

In Year 3 and 4, children are being taught empowering learning skills to help them be an 'effective participator.' These skills allow children to get the most from their lessons and learning, while also helping them regulate, applying the strategies they have been taught. This half term we are focusing on:

- listening carefully to points made by others
- being determined to not give in too easily
- managing disappointments and keeping emotions 'in check'



### UN Convention of the Rights of the Child

Each week we have a focus 'Article of the Week'. We focus on this in a weekly assembly and in follow up classroom activities. We are taking part in Outright 24-25 – 'Change making'.

In response to collecting the views of the children, our Rights Respecting council have a lot planned over the Spring term including:

- Our councillors have led a school assembly about kindness and conflict resolution.
- Eco re-fill shop project - this has started and will be a monthly event
- Great British Spring Clean
- Contact local MP – our children think there should be more bins/dog waste bins in Chorlton
- Set up a school book swap

### Important Dates

**World Book Day:** 6<sup>th</sup> March (come dressed as a book character or in your pyjamas/ something comfy)

**6<sup>th</sup> March-** Closing date for: Design a rosette, sash or banner to promote gender equality (linked to International Women's Day)

**Progress Evenings:**

**3MC** 18<sup>th</sup> March (face to face)/ 20<sup>th</sup> March (virtual)

**3KW** 19<sup>th</sup> March (face to face)/ 20<sup>th</sup> March (virtual – You will be able to book this from Monday)

**Comic Relief:** 21<sup>st</sup> March

**3EK class assembly:** 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am – School Hall

**3MC class assembly:** 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am – School Hall

**PTA Welly Walk:** 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Term ends:** 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm

**Summer term begins:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Trips – Summer**

**Quarry Bank Mill** 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Beach School, Fylde coast** 24<sup>th</sup> June