



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Year 3

Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'Riverbank Tales'. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

Important information

- P.E. will take place on a Thursday and a Friday. Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- School trip will take place in March this term. Information to follow next half term.
- Please listen to your child read and record in their Yellow Reading diary. Please also practice times tables. They all have TT Rockstars accounts. In Year 3, we learn the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 x table.

Mathematics



Within Maths, children will follow a **mastery approach** to explore: place value to help us with mental addition and subtraction, multiplication strategies, fractions, division and volume, capacity and mass. In multiplication, we will be regularly practising the 3, 4 and 8 times table and other maths facts.

English

Key Text: The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
Year 3 will follow a phased approach to this text leading to the writing of recounts. Throughout the unit, children will explore using past tense as well creating complex sentences.



R.E.

Jesus, the man who changed lives.

Year 3 will be exploring that Christians believe that Jesus has/had the power to change people's lives; that choosing to follow Jesus is not an easy option and that lives of people today are transformed by Jesus.

Geography

Rivers: What causes flooding?

This half term, Year 3 will learn about the water cycle, a river's course and their ecological importance. We will investigate the following questions:

- Where does water come from?
- How do rivers change from source to mouth?
- Why are rivers important?

Science

Materials and their Properties: Rocks

Year 3 will learn to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They can describe how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



P.E.

Children will learn to develop the skills they need for **net/wall games** and how to use these skills to make the game more difficult for their opponent. In **dance** children will be taught by Miss Helen and will learn to follow instructions, create their dance sequences and use expression to perform in the school dance showcase.



French

Mon Corps

Children will learn the vocabulary of different body parts, describing features, and understanding simple grammar.

Music

Year 3 will be learning about Reggae music. They will be learning to sing the song, 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley and use glockenspiels to perform a simple melody. Children will explore improvisation and composition, using a range of chosen notes.



PSHE

Rights and Respect

Children will learn about checking whether something is a fact or just an opinion; understand how to help the people who help us and explore money by recognising that there are times we can buy items we want and times when we need to save for them.

Art

Artist Study: Monet

How is water represented in art?
Year 3 will be finding out all about Monet and Impressionism. They will be using the skills of line, texture and colour to create their version of Monet's 'Impression Sunrise.'



Computing

Online Safety and Simulations
Children will learn some key aspects about online safety including safe passwords and app content/ratings. We will also look at how computers can be used to create simulations to test scenarios safely.

