



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

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

Welcome to the Spring 2 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 Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- School trip to the Crook of Lune will take place in March this half term. Information to follow soon.
- 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: volume, capacity and mass, properties of 2D shape, addition, subtraction and statistics and fractions, position and direction. We will be regularly practising the 3, 4 and 8 times table and the children would benefit from practising these at home too.

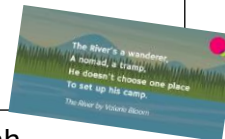


English

Key Text:

The River is a Wanderer by Valerie Bloom

Year 3 will be reading, performing and writing poems linked to our theme of rivers using similes and metaphors to describe them. After that we will be reading non-chronological reports on rivers leading use writing our own.



R.E.

Year 3 will be exploring if the cross is a symbol of sadness or joy. We will be looking at how the events of Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter are a combined mixture of the emotions of joy and sadness. The events of Holy Week reveal what Jesus came to earth to do – God's salvation plan

Geography

Rivers: What causes flooding?

This half term, Year 3 will learn about the River Lune and the causes and effects of flooding investigating the following questions:

- What water bodies are in our area?
- What features can be found along the River Lune?
- What causes flooding?



Science

Animals including humans and their skeletons

The children will identify that humans, and some other animals, have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



P.E.

Children will learn to develop the skills they need for **invasion games** such as accuracy in throwing and catching, and how to use these skills to make the game more difficult for their opponent. **In athletics**, children will concentrate on developing good basic running, jumping and throwing techniques.



French

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Children will learn to identify animals and pets and recognise and use numbers 11-20.

Music

Year 3 will explore songs with different styles of music based on the theme, 'Ocean, Rivers and Seas'. They will be creating compositions in groups focusing on the music, 'The Aquarium' by Camille Saint-Saëns using glockenspiels.



PSHE

Growing and Changing

Children will be learning to describe what makes a positive relationship and things that make a negative relationship. They will learn about what 'body space' is and identify unsafe secrets and who they can talk to about it.

Design Technology

Can a propeller power a car?

Within this unit, children will design, make and evaluate a propeller powered car. The children will explore different ways of joining the wheels and axels, as well as different ways of strengthening the axel.

Computing

Route Planners and Coding

In **Route Planners**, children will plan algorithms and write code that includes angles of turn to create routes for screen turtles. In **Coding**, children will explore timers, the repeat command and the importance of nesting code.

