

English

This half term we will begin with poetry to help us explore the sea.

Our texts this half term will all focus on journeys across sea or land to inspire our writing and will include: the Lighthouse Keepers Lunch, Journey and Leon and the Place In between.

We will write stories, descriptions, information texts, explanations and dialogue.

The key skills we will secure are recognising nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs; and extending our sentences with a variety of conjunctions.

Mathematics

This half term we will be working hard at securing our knowledge across all of the 4 operations of maths (+, -, ÷, ×).

Alongside this we will be pushing and like the support from home of the children's times tables.

Additionally, in the afternoons we will be looking at some aspects of statistics within our topic.

Please help your child with their times tables especially: 3, 4's and 8's.

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Geography

This half term we will be looking at what makes Portsmouth a successful port. Focusing on how the city has developed and changed in order to improve the expanding port.

PSHE

This half term we will be looking at Keeping Safe this will focus on what safe and unsafe means, how they can keep themselves and other's safe and links well to our online safety learning too.

Science

This half term Squirrels will be continuing to study animals, skeletons and movement, then we will begin to look at solids, liquids and gases, which will continue after half term.

Computing

This half term we will be looking at designing presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. During this unit we will learn to add text, images, animations and to transition between slides.

PE

PE kit is required to be worn all day on our PE days. This should include a house team t-shirt, hoodie, navy blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Squirrels PE Day - Wednesday

Design Technology

This half term we will be looking at lighthouses and how they work. We will then learn how to make a simple circuit with a simple switch to be able to turn our lighthouse on and off. Our final product will be constructed using cardboard shoe boxes.

Ways to support the topic

Please encourage Squirrels to complete their online learning on Purple Mash or Ed Shed each week. It will be set on a Friday with the due date being the following Friday. If your child doesn't understand, please encourage them to speak to member of the year 3 team – we are happy to help!

Please take the time to help your child to practise and learn their weekly spellings and times tables.

If you have any questions or worries, please feel free to come and talk to Ms Green and Mrs Branscombe.