





Year 3—Spring 1 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Our Community. In this topic, we will be learning about Hedge End, our local community, and where it is located in relation to the rest of the world. In addition to this, we will be getting out into Hedge End, volunteering to make a positive difference and we hope to raise money for a local charity.

Miss Scott and Miss Cockram

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<p>Reading</p> <p>In Reading lessons, we are reading, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' where we learn about Shen and Sika's adventure to meet the Snowfather who can grant wishes. This half term, we will be focussing on prediction, retrieval, and inference skills.</p> 	<p>Writing</p> <p>In English lessons, we will be focusing on the Selfish Giant text and using this as inspiration for our letters of complaint. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about our local community of Hedge End, which will be supported through our local visit.</p> 	<p>Maths</p> <p>This half term we will continue to develop our multiplication and division skills using informal methods alongside pictures and concrete resources. We will also be starting to explore length and perimeter.</p>
<p>DT</p> <p>In DT, we will be designing and making packaging to hold a small item. We will carefully consider how to design and make our packaging so that they are eye-catching and appeal to our target audience. We are hoping to raise money for a local chosen charity by selling our packaged items (more details to follow).</p>	<p>PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is 'Keeping Myself Safe'. This will involve looking at how to make a situation less risky or not risky at all. Additionally, we will learn how medicines can be helpful or harmful.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about animals, skeletons and movement. We will investigate the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and how bones, joints and muscles help us move.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning how to use desktop publishing software on Chrome Books. Once we have learnt how to navigate and use the software, we will be creating a poster to advertise the items we are selling.</p>	<p>Games and PE</p> <p>In Games, we will be playing Tag Rugby and learning about the skills of teamwork and collaboration. In PE, we will be developing our agility, flexibility and balance through gymnastics.</p>	<p>RE (Religious Education)</p> <p>Our concept in RE is Neighbour; we will be thinking about how the concept of Neighbour is important to Sikhs and Christians.</p>
<p>French</p> <p>In French this half term our focus is 'instruments'. We will learn to recognise and recall up to 10 instruments in French. We will also learn to say and write 'je joue' (I play) in French.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>In Geography, we will be looking at where Hedge End is in relation to the world and identifying its key features. We will also be learning how to locate places in Hedge End using grid references. We will be conducting some local field-work when visiting Hedge End.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>In Music, we will be developing our singing this half term by performing in a group, increasingly matching the pitch and learning how to follow the melody.</p>

Key Dates:

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 10th February

INSET Day: Friday 13th February

Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February

Trip to Hedge End: Dates to be confirmed and more information to follow.

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Ash - Tuesday and Friday Elm— Tuesday and Wednesday

Homework reminders - completion of homework tasks will be rewarded with Effort Marks:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their Reading Record. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child's log-in details can be found in their Reading Record.

Reading - x5 weekly at home Please sign your child's Reading Record.

Your child will receive a maths or English homework. This task will be handed out on a Friday and will be due in on a Thursday.

Multiplication Tables - Your child will receive their TT Rockstar log-in details and can begin practising their times tables at home.