



CHALONER PRIMARY

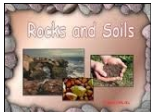
Year 3/4 Topic Letter



Literacy

This half term, the children will continue to reinforce and consolidate their basic Literacy skills. They will improve their use of punctuation by learning how to use basic punctuation accurately, including speech punctuation and commas. The children will also learn about nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and use them regularly throughout their work.

When writing for different purposes they will learn how to write reports and persuasive texts. We will also continue to focus on improving the size, orientation, position and joining of their handwriting.



Science

The children will learn about 'Rocks and Soils'. Through this unit the children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will learn about fossils and describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. The children will also recognise that soils are made from rocks and other organic matter.



R.E.

This half term, the children will learn about the miracles that Jesus performed and what they tell us about who Jesus was. They will express their own ideas of what a miracle is and then investigate the stories of the miracles that Jesus performed. They will explore these miracles in different ways such as artwork, drama, role play and writing from different points of view.



This half term's topic is:

Europe



Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children will continue to reinforce their basic skills. They will practice written methods for multiplication and division and carry out real life problem solving work related to this. We will also reinforce skills in mental maths to help the children solve problems quickly and accurately using a range of strategies. Children will continue to reinforce their understanding of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. In topic maths we will investigate 2D and 3D shapes and time.



P.E.

This half term, the children will learn skills associated with the game of tennis. This will include being able to hold and move a racquet confidently and then use it to strike a ball in order to pass it, with increasing accuracy, to a partner.

Topic

In topic lessons the children will continue learning about prehistory by moving on to looking at life in the Bronze Age. In particular we will look at home, clothes, travel and trade. Alongside this in Geography they will locate the continent of Europe on a world map and learn about specific features of this continent. They will locate European countries on a map and label these on their own maps. They will learn facts about some European countries and identify each of the capital cities of the countries. They will compare and contrast the cities of London and Paris before investigating one of the European countries of their choice.



ART

In Art the children will explore the mediums of pastels and paint using different techniques. They will also explore the life of Van Gogh and discuss some of his most famous works of art. They will produce their own silhouette landscape of a famous European landmark set against Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'.



Computing

In Computing the children will reinforce their knowledge of how to stay safe when using multi media technology. They will create databases on European cities and their landmarks and then use, sort and search the fields created. They will also research the life of Mary Anning to find facts to use in a newspaper report.



Music

The children will learn to sing a traditional French greeting song and play singing games to build up their vocabulary recognition. They will then develop these songs by playing along on tuned and untuned instruments and play a melody in three groups to accompany a performance.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will work from the Lucinda and Godfrey scheme learning about how to recognise and deal with negative feelings. They will develop skills needed to deal with different situations and learn how to offer help and advice to others. We will also learn more about the British values of responsibility and friendship.



Notes

- Please listen to your child read every night.
- Children must remember to bring P.E. kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Please help your child learn their times tables and their weekly spellings.