

### English

In English, children will be learning about writing traditional tales from the perspective of a different character. Further into the term, the children will be writing a formal letter to our local MP to suggest improvements to our local area, linked to our geography work. We will continue our focus of sentence punctuation and handwriting throughout.

### Reading

In guided reading, we will look at a selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and will continue to focus on comprehension skills. Our main focuses for this term will be making predictions based on what we have read and summarising the important parts of a text. Please continue to read regularly at home.

### Computing

In computing, the children will be using Purple Mash to learn about branching databases. They will sort objects using 'yes' or 'no' questions and then complete a database before creating their own.

### PE

This term, children will focus on rugby skills and continue with gymnastics. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school for the whole term, including suitable footwear.

### Science

We will be studying 'Plants' in Science this term. The children will be labelling the different parts of a plant and finding out about the function of each part. They will learn what plants need to grow and will plant their own seeds. Further into the term, the children will also be looking at the processes of water transportation through plants and how temperature can affect this.



## How could we make our area better?

Year 3 Term 4

Feb & March 2026

### Geography

During our geography lessons, we will be focussing on the key question 'How could our area be better?' The children will look at a range of maps, use a key and locate physical and human features. They will compare Swindon and Cricklade as urban and rural areas and will think about how to improve Faringdon Road park.

### RE

In RE, we will continue to learn about Christianity. Our focus will be around the key question: 'What is good about Good Friday?'

### Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication & division and money. Children will be multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using written methods. Towards the end of term, we will be adding & subtracting money, including giving change. In Arithmetic sessions, we will be looking at equivalent fractions and practising addition and subtraction methods learnt recently.

### PSHE

Our focus this term is 'Healthy Me'. We will look at:

- being fit and healthy
- staying safe around drugs
- being safe
- safe/unsafe
- our amazing body.

### Music

Vocabulary from the last unit will be revised and crotchet, paired quavers and crotchet rest will be introduced. Work with the glockenspiel will continue and children will learn to play 'D' using different rhythms. Children will listen to 'I Got You (I Feel Good)' by James Brown 'Le Freak' by Chic and complete listening and composition activities around these two pieces. They will compose accompaniment to a piece of music and over the top of a backing track using stick notation with note names.

### Key information & Diary Dates

- Class 7 will now be having PE on a Monday and Friday.
- Class 8 will be having it on a Tuesday.
- Both classes will have PE on alternating Wednesdays.
- Spelling tests will continue to take place on Fridays.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

### DT

This term we will be making photo frames. Children will mark and measure wood and then cut it using a hack saw. They will then look at ways to strengthen the corners so it can hold a photo. These will then be decorated with a specific audience in mind and evaluated.

