

Year 3 Our World Our Responsibility Autumn Term 2025

Design and technology

Children will design and create packaging for chocolate-based food products. We will link this to Maths and 3D shapes. We will focus on our responsibility to use sustainable materials for packaging too.

PE

Children will practise and develop their badminton and football skills during this term. They will also participate in GoNoodle sessions.

Art

We will develop pencil sketching skills to produce a self-portrait. Areas of focus are the artistic styles of the Ancient Maya Civilization and the modern-day Mexican artist Frida Khalo, looking at her portrait work. We will explore the importance of our responsibility to treasure ancient art forms for future generations too.

Science

We will explore the different parts of the body, looking at skeletons of humans and other animals. We will be identifying different types of joints and naming the bones. We will also be looking at nutrition and different food groups linked to our topic on chocolate. Finally, we will be investigating rocks, naming the main types - igneous, metaphoric, and sedimentary, how they were formed and their properties.



History

We will investigate the history of Mexico and its surrounding areas, particularly focusing upon the Ancient Maya Civilization – making links to our Chocolate topic and its history in the Americas. We will look at the culture, customs, and practices of the Maya people and how they shaped the world as we know it, including writing and number systems.

Geography

As part of Our World- Our Responsibility curriculum, we will look at issues regarding food production in developing countries, specifically at the production of cocoa. We will be learning about the physical and human features of North America, specifically focusing upon Mexico. They will also explore the similarities and differences between Mexico and the UK.

Music

The children will have lessons to develop their musical skills and musical flair through composing, exploring sounds, singing and playing sounds and learning about notation.

Computing

We will be learning about digital devices and their uses and how computer networks can be used to share information. We will also be using a range of techniques to create and edit and stop-frame

RE

This term we will explore our Homes, Promises and Visitors units using the Diocese's Come & See scheme of learning, to foster the children's religious knowledge and understanding as well as their spiritual development. In addition, we will make links to school Virtutes of Generosity and Compassion. The Catholic Social Teaching that will link to these are Option for the Poor and Human Dignity.

English

In English lessons this term, we will be making many links to the Our World and Science topics. We will be using Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as a main class reading text to foster reading skills, understanding character traits and story writing skills and Newspaper reports. We will also be learning about adverts making links to the work of Cadbury's - leading us into creating our own adverts, through leaflets and short video presentations that will be filmed and published on our Class Blog through the school website.

We will move onto dedicated work on poetry and investigate shape poems to link to the work we are going to do on plants, including flowers and trees, to inspire creativity in the children's own poetry. We will underpin literacy skills with work focused on grammar.