

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 5



Theme title: How does Russia's diversity affect those who live there?

Launch pad event: Russian Dancing and food tasting

<p>English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i></p>	<p>During English the pupils in Year 4 will be learning how to write biographies, looking at the important features. They will also be reading a Legend story and learning how to write their own. . Year 3 will be writing their own shape poems about animals. Additionally, they will be writing their own suspense stories. Spelling will be a continuous focus within both year groups, learning words from the Statutory word list.</p>
<p>Maths <i>Maths homework is set every <u>Thursday</u> and should be returned to school every <u>Tuesday</u>.</i></p>	<p>Pupils in year 4 will be concentrating on improving their addition and subtraction skills, linking this to solving problems with money. They will also use their addition and subtraction skills when investigating capacity as well as estimating and comparing different volumes. Pupils in year 3 will be recapping and developing their place value skills. In addition they will continue to work on solving problems with addition and subtraction. Times tables continue to be a focus for both year groups.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our topic in Science this term will be Plants, pupils will learn about the different parts of a plant and their functions. They will identify what a plant needs in order to grow and survive. Pupils will plan their own experiments which will involve growing their own plants and monitoring its growth in different conditions.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>This terms topic is Multimedia Authoring. Children will be using PowerPoint to create their very own story book for younger children. They will also be looking at how computers can be used to support people with disabilities.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>In Geography this term, children will be learning about the diversity of Russia. They will be learning about the climate and how it changes throughout the country, as well as some different physical and human features. The children will also begin to think about why people might choose to live in different parts of Russia and what they have to offer.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>In History during this term, the children will be learning about some famous Russian leaders, including 'Ivan the Terrible'. They will compare and contrast how people have lead the country and how it affected those who lived there.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>During art this term the children will be learning about some different Russian Artists. They will be comparing their artwork and looking at the main styles used. They will have a go at recreating some famous pieces and will start to create their own pieces in a similar style.</p>
<p>DT</p>	<p>As part of our DT this term, the children will be cooking some Russian cuisine! They will be sampling some food at the start of term and will learn more about food hygiene and the importance of preparing food carefully. The final product will be a lovely a traditional Russian dish!</p>
<p>PE <i>Please ensure full PE kits (outdoor and indoor) are in school every day.</i></p>	<p>Our unit for Outdoor PE this term will be Handball. Children will begin to learn some of the rules of Handball and the key skills. We will look closely at passing and catching, as well as dribbling and game play. During indoor PE pupils will be focussing on Badminton. Children will learn the key skills involved and the rules for a game of badminton.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>This term children will be learning about the music of Tchaikovsky. They will be listening to and responding to music and throughout the term will begin to compose some of their own music in the same style.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>This term children will be investigating, 'Why do people pray?' Children will learn in depth about different religious and spiritual ways of prayer, the practice and key symbols and words used. They will also consider the significance of prayer, developing thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about prayer.</p>
<p>P.S.H.E</p>	<p>This term the children will be focusing on 'Emotional regulation'. They will be looking at the different emotions they may feel and strategies to deal with them when they are finding things difficult. They will also be looking at these strategies and considering how they can be used to support friendships in school.</p>

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
<p>*Look at travel books about Russia *Use an atlas to find Russia *</p>		<p>*try some different Russian foods *Listen to some Russian music *Research the recent World Cup in Russia</p>