

R.S.E – Life to the full

Children will consider what physical contact is appropriate and inappropriate. They will be introduced to the term ‘abuse’ and discuss different kinds of abuse, including sexual abuse. Pupils will learn some key information and facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco – the teaching is underpinned with the religious understanding that consuming these substances is harmful to our bodies, and therefore God’s creation. Pupils will consider a range of scenarios in order to learn about making the right choices when it comes to substances. They will also learn about how First Aid, quick reactions and staying calm during an emergency can make the difference between life and death. Children will learn that they don’t need to feel afraid, because God holds us up and gives us strength.

Topic – geography and history

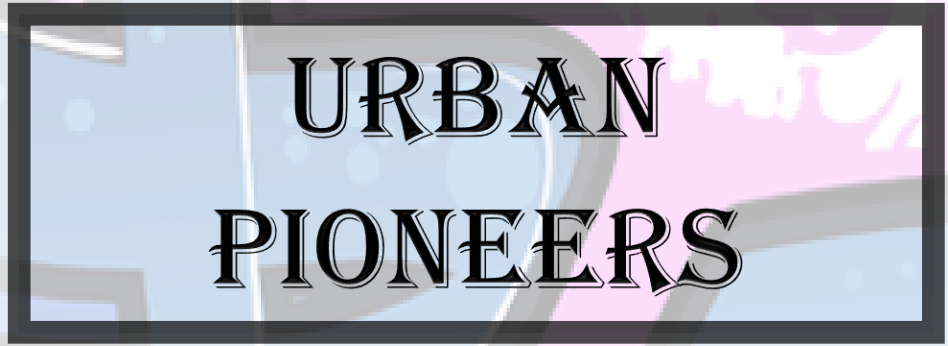
Year 3 will be focusing on the London and the local Finchley area, where we go school and many of us also live. Pupils will learn how to identify more about our local urban location using an Ordnance Survey map and grid references to locate significant features of the area. They will make simple sketch maps and create a map with their own vision of their ‘Fantasy City Centre’. Children will look at pictures from past and present day Finchley, exploring how the area has changed over the decades. They will also learn about local heroes, including Harry Beck, designer of the London Underground map.

Art & DT - Dips and dippers

Children will evaluate food based on appearance, taste, smell and texture. They will learn about the importance of hygiene, food preparation, storage and safety. They will also design, make and evaluate a healthy dip for a party.

Science – Mirror Mirror

Pupils will learn about the wonders of light, including reflections and shadows. Children will think scientifically about what the most common sources of light are, whether all materials and objects reflect light, and why we can see our image clearly in some materials but not in others.



Mathematics – Measurement: length and perimeter

Children are revisiting measurement of metres, centimetres and millimetres, and learning about equivalent measurements. They will put this into practice, measuring the perimeter of areas. They will begin to focus on fractions. Once again, times tables are of the utmost importance, so children will continue to practice these regularly.

R.E. – Desert to Garden

We will focus on the season of Lent, and learn to describe the Stations of the Cross and how they are a prayerful reflection on Christ’s journey to the cross. We will learn about the events of Holy Week, correctly sequence these, and describe some of the different reactions to Jesus during these events. We will also learn about and retell Luke’s account of the disciples’ journey to Emmaus. We will also perform our Easter play this half term.

Computing – branching databases

Learners will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one.

P.E – tennis

We will explore tennis specific movements, the ready position, basic V-Grip and ball control.

English – Young, Gifted and Black

Children will learn more about inspirational icons of colour from the past and present in Jamia Wilson’s collection of stories about changemakers. They will be inspired and empowered by figures from both historic and present-day icons and heroes, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Stevie Wonder and Serena Williams. They will also analyse different characters and perspectives from Anthony Brown’s ‘Voices in the Park’.

Our grammar focus will be on adverbs of time, place and cause; prefixes and suffixes; co-ordinating conjunctions and organisational devices.

Our key areas of learning in writing are poetry – looking at poems by poets including the work of Benjamin Zephaniah, and writing our own. We will also focus on learning how to write speeches and letters. For example, children will create their own promotional materials to showcase what is great about Finchley and encouraging others to visit.

We will use VIPERS to support children’s comprehension skills in our guided reading sessions.

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Pupils are expected to use cursive handwriting for written work in all subjects.

Music – The Dragon Song

This is a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.