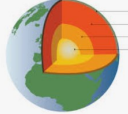




Newdigate Primary and Nursery School Year 3 & 4

Spring 1 2025 Curriculum Letter

SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES For your information we have outlined below the topics that we will cover this half term in Year 3 and 4.

<u>Literacy</u> Our new text this half term is "How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear", a National Trust publication.  We are going to be working towards two writing outcomes: Firstly, an instructional text on how to make a bird feeder, and then secondly an information text about a habitat / an animal. We will focus on the structure and features of non-fiction texts.	<u>Numeracy</u> As well as revising Place Value, we will look at: - Fractions . - Properties of shape - Addition and Subtraction  We will continue our focus on learning the times tables and recalling facts at speed. These facts can then be used to quickly and efficiently solve other problems.
<u>Science</u> In Science, we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will learn about the three types of matter - solids, liquids and gases, and the properties of each. We will learn how the particles behave in each case, and how temperature can be used to change materials from one state to another, either permanently or not.	<u>Computing</u>  Children will be completing a unit of work on programming using software called "Scratch". We will look at how to create backgrounds, choose a Sprite and control their actions. They will also be trouble-shooting by de-bugging problems within the program.
<u>History/Geography</u>  As Geographers we will be investigating the question, "Where does our food come from?" We will research which climates/biomes produce certain crops, how these are transported, calculate air miles and look at the relative effects of imports or sourcing foods locally.	<u>Art/DT</u>  In Art this term we will be working towards a still life, using our knowledge of how to show and use light and dark within a painting. We will revise and practise tints and shades and how to use these to show three dimensions in our work.
<u>PE</u>  With class teachers, we will be using the school space to work on coordination and balance, using different parts of our bodies to balance on, holding our pose still. We will also have one lesson each week with our Sports Coach, Mr Thorne, who will be keeping everyone fit and active.	<u>Music</u>  As musicians, we will have weekly Ukulele lessons with a county music teacher, learning to produce different chords and notes, and learning songs which we can play along with and accompany. We will also learn to sing the song "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley.
<u>RE</u> In RE, we are continuing to follow a new curriculum, looking at world view and religious view, as well as personal views and beliefs. Year 4 will consider how your circumstances may affect what you believe, focusing on Christianity, Sikhism and Islam. Year 3 will be learning about how our religious and world views are expressed through art and architecture.	<u>PSHE</u> We will be working on a unit entitled "Safety and the Changing Body". We will look at keeping ourselves safe on the internet, as well as how to keep our bodies safe and protected from harmful substances. We will learn some basic first aid and begin to understand how sometimes the choices we make may be influenced by others.
<u>French</u>  Children will continue to learn French as a foreign language and build on their vocabulary to name an assortment of ten wild and domestic animals. Using the Language Angels scheme, with a mixture of listening, speaking and written tasks, we will build on our fluency and understanding. We will also learn how to use determiners reliably .	Thank you for your continued support Year 3NDG@welearn365.com Year4NDG@welearn365.com