

English Writing:

In English we are writing to entertain. We will be learning about the different skills needed for:

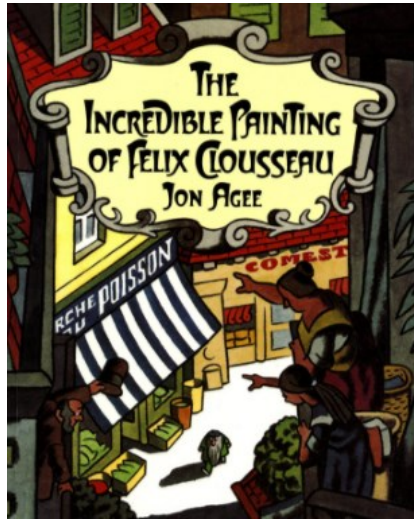
- Writing a mystery story
- Descriptions of characters
- Descriptions of settings



Reading:

The texts we will be using throughout the term are adventure and mystery driven. We will be continuing to develop our reading skills using ERIC, focusing on the novel *The Demon Dentist* by David Walliams.

As part of your home reading, you may wish to choose texts that are mystery/adventure themed or alternatively some non-fiction books linked to other areas of our curriculum such as Art and Science.



Year 3

Picture This!

Spring 2018

For the first half term the Year 3 topic,

'Picture This',

will combine Literacy, Science and Art.

In Maths we are learning:

To count up and down in tenths. To recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10. We are also finding and writing fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. We will recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. Finally, we will recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators.



- Measurement (money)

Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts.

In Science we are learning about 'Light' during the first half term.



We will;

- Recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- Notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes
- Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object Find patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change.



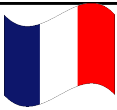
In RE we are learning:

- To investigate a variety of religious symbols and their meaning, within the contexts of Christianity and Hinduism.
- To explore examples of symbolic language and to deepen understanding of some common religious concepts.



In Music we are learning:

- Exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel
- Use instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression
- Listen with attention to detail



In French we are learning:

- Listen and engage, ask and answer questions
- Show understanding of words and phrases to do with colours and numbers
- Broaden vocabulary and develop appropriate



In ICT we are learning:

- Use the internet safely and appropriately as a research tool.
- How to find and fix bugs in programs using Scratch

In PE we are learning:



- Outdoor adventure games (teamwork, orienteering, problem solving)
- Archery (soft tips!)

Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school every day and has no earrings in for PE lessons.

Birch PE days: Tuesday PM and Wednesday AM

Rowan PE days: Wed PM and Thursday AM

We would recommend PE kit coming in on the first day back.

Homework:

Written homework will be given out on Fridays.

This should be returned to school on Thursday morning.

Spelling homework continues on a two-week rota with new word lists being issued on a Monday.

The expectation is to listen to your child read **four times a week** and record this in their Reading Diary. These will be collected by the class teacher every Monday. If you have written a message for the teacher in the Reading Diary on any other day of the week, please ensure your child shows their teacher that morning. **Children should now be working towards achieving their Silver Award.**

Our school Values - Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration