

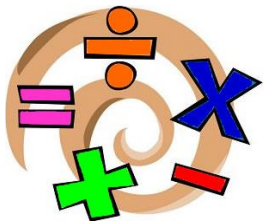
# Years 3 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026



## Literacy

To start the term, we will be studying two books called 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' and 'The Last Garden'.

In 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' this story is about a mysterious piper who comes to Hamelin to rid the town of rats but he isn't as good as he first seems. In 'The Last Garden' book is about a girl in a war-torn city and the little girl tends to the last garden. But everyone is leaving and soon the girl has to leave too. The garden ends up all alone but soon the seeds scatter throughout the city and the roots take hold.



## Numeracy

In numeracy we will be increasing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will learn how to use arrays and columns to help us with multiplication and we will also be using place value grids and part-whole method division.

## Science – Light

We will investigate light and recognise that we need a light source in order to see things and that darkness is the absence of light. We will also learn about reflective surfaces and that the sun can be dangerous if we don't protect our eyes.



## History – The Victorians

We will explore the changing power of monarchs using case studies of John, Anne and Victoria. We will research the changes in social history, such as crime, entertainment and punishment from The Victorians to the present. We will also look at the laws Queen Victoria passed such as the education act and the 1847 factory act which stopped children from as young as 8 working more than 6 hours.

## Art

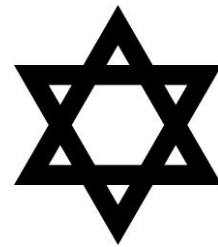
We will be finding out about William Morris and his life. We will be learning that he was a British textile designer, poet, artist and writer associated with the British Arts and Crafts movement. We will be looking at his artwork and creating collages alongside printmaking with rollers and printing inks.

## PSHE

We will explore the theme of 'Dreams and Me' We will be looking at how to face new challenges with a positive attitude and how to recognise obstacles which might hinder achievements and take steps to overcome them.

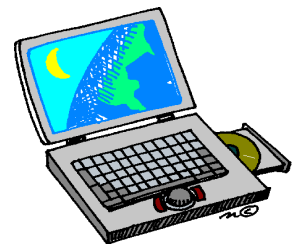
## RE

The children will be studying how festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim. This will include identifying some beliefs about God in Islam and making clear links between communities and Ibadah (worship) in Islam.



## ICT

This half term we will be developing our ICT creative skills by creating media. We will be looking at how digital and animation images work and we will use School360 to create story-based animations including music and text.



## P.E

P.E for Year 3 will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Year 3 will also have the opportunity to take part in an afterschool club with Nicole Ainslie on Wednesdays.

