



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



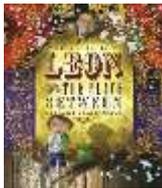
Spring 1

Year 3

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading the story of Leon and the Place Between. We will write a description about visiting the fair, a report about the history of the circus and a character description about Abdul Kazam. We will also write a diary entry as Leon creating our own ending to the story.

As well as this we will become poets by writing our own colour poems.



Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be continuing to practice reading with fluency and expression. We will be practicing recalling facts from the text and making inferences.

We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books;

/a/ - ai, ei, ey

Suffix – ly

Homophones

We will also be looking for these tricky words;

build, describe, imagine, library, natural, ordinary, promise, recent, suppose, weight.



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division. We will build upon our knowledge from the previous term and begin to look at problems involving one or more operation, including calculations with remainders.

We will also look at money. We will recap on the coins we use and their relative value. We will look at paying for items and calculating change from coins and notes.



Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Liverpool'. We will learn about the importance of Liverpool in History. As historians we will look at the culture of Liverpool including art and music. As geographers we will look at the River Mersey, Liverpool Docks and the Mersey tunnels. We will find out about famous buildings and landmarks such as The Three Graces. As mathematicians we will look at bus and train timetables and calculate travel times from places around the Wirral to Liverpool. We will plan visit to Liverpool. As artists we will create 3D art sculptures with wire, complete observational drawing of famous landmarks. We will experimenting with tone, line and shading, painting and colour mixing.



Science

In science we will be learning all about 'Light'. We will explore the differences between light sources and light reflectors, and will sort these into two groups. We will be able to describe how shadows are formed and will explore the relationship between light, objects and the formation of shadows. We will work towards completing a Quest entitled, 'How Can We Make Shadows Change?' and we will create and change shadows in the context of a puppet shadow play. We will explore the properties of materials that can cast shadows and use the scientific terms opaque, translucent and transparent to describe these materials.



Mersey Park Life Skills

To help our Year Three children develop as well rounded little people who are ready for the world around them, we will also be teaching our children life skills and this half term we will be focusing on influential British role models. We will look at what it means to be a role model and some good examples of role models from the UK. We will also look at 'Dreams and Goals' as part of our Jigsaw scheme of work. We will discuss the importance of hard work to help achieve our dreams and goals.

