



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Spring 2

Year 3

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will continue reading the story of 'Leon and The Place Between' We will then start to read the exciting novel 'Ice Palace' and write a setting description for this story.

We will write colour poems inspired by the poem - What is Pink?

We will write a persuasive letter as part of our 'Food' topic to encourage people to use Fairtrade products.



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; /l/ - al (remove the e or change y to i), le

Suffix - ly (replace the e with y), ally (ends ic or al), ly

We will also be looking for these tricky words; address, arrive, certain, experience, history, mention, occasionally, probably, reign, sentence



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division of larger numbers and applying these skills to real life problems.

We will begin to look at fractions and learn to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Our Maths Dictionary sessions will have an additional focus on shape this half term.

$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{7}{9}$$

Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Food'. As historians we will look at the history of food and how the food we eat and have access to has changed over the years. We will use maps, atlases and digital images to find out the reasons why different foods grow in different areas of the world. To do this we will compare and contrast temperature and climates around the world. We will look at food waste and the impact of this on our environment. We will also find out about sustainable palm oil and the importance of looking after our planet. As artists we will draw still life drawings in the style of Cezanne. We will explore shading and colour mixing with primary and secondary colours. As technicians we will design, make and evaluate a healthy pizza.



Science

In science we will be learning all about 'Plants'. We will label the different parts of a plant and learn all about pollination. We will have investigate the function of roots, stems, leaves and flowers and will research methods of seed dispersal. In addition, we will learn about the process of pollination. We will also investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.



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 money sense, linked with our food topic. We will look food prices, Fairtrade and meals on a budget. We will talk about following a recipe and safety in the kitchen. We will also focus on healthy lifestyles as part of our Jigsaw topic.

