



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Summer 1

Year 3

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading the story of 'Ice Palace'. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character Ivan. We will be focussing on 3_ed sentences and verb, comma person sentences.

We will be reading the poem written by Michael Rosen, 'Quick Let's Get Out of Here' and write our own version of this poem.

We will also write a non – Chronological report about 'Arctic survival' where we will find out about Inuit people and how they live their lives.

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; Suffix – er (ends in /ch/)

/k/ - ch (Greek)

/g/ - gue /k/ - que (French)

/s/ - sc (Latin) Homophones

We will also be looking for these tricky words;

accidentally, breathe, century, consider, eight, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be focussing on fractions including unit and non- unit fractions, whole fractions and tenths.

We will also focus on time. We will learn how to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. We will also answer questions about duration of time.

We will have a strong focus this half term on times tables. We will complete daily multiplication activities. We will use Times tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash to assess times tables knowledge.

Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Victorians'. We will study a local area 'Port Sunlight'. We will find information by looking at primary and secondary sources. We will focus on the impact of Victorian Monarchy and place famous Victorian inventions on a timeline. We will use 4 figure grid references to find places on a map. In our Art lessons we will practise our sketching skills by sketching portraits of Queen Victoria and ourselves. During our DT lessons, we will deconstruct puppets and examine their components. We will then design and make our very own Punch and Judy stick puppets, where we will also sew a coat for it. We will finish this DT topic by evaluating our own puppets and thinking about what worked well and what we could do better next time.



Science

In science we will continue learning all about 'Plants'. We will compare how plants grow in different soils and explore how fertilisers can be used to improve growth. We will investigate the amount of water needed to help a leafy pot plant grow well. We will also investigate how space affects plant growth. We will use the results from their investigations to produce a helpful hints and tips card to describe what helps plants grow better. We will look at how plants are pollinated and how seeds are dispersed.



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 the monarchy. We will discuss their significance within our country. We will take part in P4C debates and learn how to articulate our views. We will also focus on Relationships in our 'Jigsaw' work.