



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Autumn 1

Year 3

Writing and Poetry

In our literacy lessons we will be learning the story of Rumpelstiltskin. We will describe the castle and some of the main characters. We will also retell the story by creating our own story map and adding actions to the story to help us remember it. We will focus on revising 2A sentences and similes, and learning how to use double 2A sentences and speech marks in our writing.

As well as this we will be learning to recite – A brush with danger by Joseph Coelho



Reading and Spelling

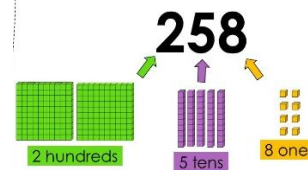
In our reading we will be learning to read with fluency and expression. We will be practicing recalling facts from the text and making inferences. We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; /ow/ - ou /u/ - ou /i/ - y /ze/ - sure /ch/ - ture

We will also be looking for these tricky words; actual, answer, bicycle, circle, earth, enough, fruit, island, often, popular
Our class novel is 'The Iron Man'



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be looking place value of numbers to 1000. We will partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones using part whole models and use concrete manipulatives to make numbers to 1000. We will look at 1, 10 and 100 more and less than a given number. We will also compare and order numbers on a number line. We will then move on to adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using formal column method.



Foundation Subjects

Our topic this half term will be Unique UK. As geographers we will look at rivers and mountains across the UK. We will explore and explain weather patterns across UK and look at weather forecasts. We will find out about our local area and the history behind Wirral, Tranmere, Port Sunlight and New Brighton. As historians we will also learn about the history of Birkenhead Park. As artists we will experiment with materials and develop weaving techniques with fabric dyes to create a class weaving collage. As engineers we will design, make and evaluate a moving book. As linguists we have learnt greeting in Spanish.



urban, landscape, culture, climate, British Isles

Science

In science we will be learning all about 'Animals, including Humans'. We will discuss how we need the right types and amounts of nutrition to thrive and grow, and that eating the wrong types and amounts can lead to health problems. We will identify that we cannot make our own food and that we need to eat a varied diet. We will construct a balanced food plate and describe what happens if we don't eat a balanced diet. We will also explain the role of the muscles and skeleton and describe what would happen if we didn't have a skeleton.

protein, carbohydrates, exoskeleton, endoskeleton, balanced, scapula, abdominal



Mersey Park Personal Development

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 healthy eating. We will also be looking at 'Being Me in My World' as part of our jigsaw work. We will be teaching this through our Jigsaw topic where we will focus on what makes us special linking to our British Values of Tolerance and Mutual Respect. It also teaches us about our personal responsibilities and how we influence our environment. An assembly theme this half term will be the British Value Democracy.

