



Year 3 - United Kingdom Uncovered

Curriculum Map - Block 1



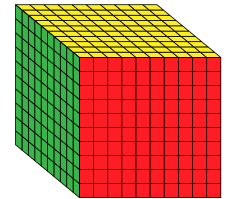
English

During this block, children will enjoy studying *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy, using the story as inspiration for a range of exciting writing activities. They will develop their recount writing by creating a letter from Mildred to her parents, describing her first days at Miss Cackle's Academy, and learn how to write clear instructions by producing a guide on 'How to Fly a Broomstick'. Children will also take part in a National Poetry Day unit, exploring a theme to develop their own appreciation of poetry. Through these activities, children will continue to build their creativity, vocabulary and confidence as writers.



Maths

During this block, children will deepen their understanding of place value, working with numbers up to 1,000. They will learn to read, write, represent, compare and order numbers, and use their knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones to explain the value of each digit. Children will also develop their skills in addition and subtraction, using both mental and written methods to solve calculations and real-life problems. They will be encouraged to explain their reasoning, spot patterns and use efficient strategies to check their answers. Through these activities, children will build confidence, fluency and accuracy in their mathematical understanding.



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Science

During this block, children will learn about Light, developing their understanding of how light helps us to see the world around us. They will explore different sources of light and learn that darkness is the absence of light. Through practical investigations, children will discover how light reflects from surfaces and explore how shadows are formed and change in size. They will also learn how to stay safe in the sun and understand the importance of protecting their eyes. Through observation, enquiry and hands-on activities, children will develop their scientific knowledge while building their skills in asking questions, making predictions and investigating the world around them.



Personal Development

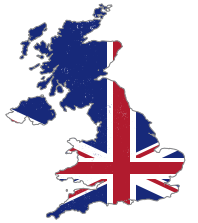
During this block, children will learn about British Values, with a focus on mutual respect, active listening and valuing the opinions of others. Through Protective Behaviours lessons, they will develop their understanding of feelings, personal safety, rights and responsibilities, and learn strategies for keeping themselves safe and seeking help when needed. Children will also explore the importance of trusted support networks and recognising safe and unsafe situations. In addition, they will develop essential first aid and safety skills, including how to call for help in an emergency and how to respond safely to bites and stings.





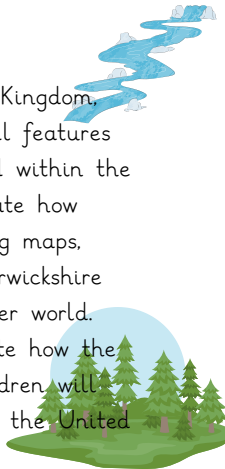
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Geography

During this block, children will explore the geography of the United Kingdom, learning about the countries, regions, counties and major geographical features that make up our nation. They will discover where the UK is located within the world, learn about its temperate deciduous forest biome and investigate how landscapes, rivers and cities shape the places where people live. Using maps, atlases and globes, children will identify key locations, including Warwickshire and the city of Coventry, and learn how cities connect with the wider world. They will also explore topographical maps, study rivers and investigate how the UK's population has changed over time. Through these enquiries, children will develop their map-reading skills and gain a deeper understanding of the United Kingdom and its diverse geography.



R.E

During this block, children will explore Creation, focusing on the big question: "What do Christians learn from the Creation story?" Through stories, discussion and reflection, they will consider what the Creation story teaches Christians about God, the world and how people should care for it. Children will explore different viewpoints while developing respect for the beliefs and values of others.

Art and Design

During this block, children will learn about the talented artist Yayoi Kusama and explore the distinctive patterns, colours and techniques used in her artwork. They will experiment with line, pattern and colour mixing, taking inspiration from Kusama's famous use of polka dots and bold designs, before creating and evaluating their own artwork inspired by her unique style.

Computing

During this block, children will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly through the Purple Mash curriculum, exploring topics such as self-image and identity and how to make positive choices online. They will also become more confident using the Purple Mash platform and develop their digital mapping skills through route planners, learning how to create, follow and interpret routes using a range of tools and coordinates. Through these activities, children will develop their problem-solving skills while gaining a better understanding of how technology can be used to navigate and explore the world around them.



Music

During this block, children will begin learning the violin, developing their skills in playing simple notes, rhythms and melodies. They will build confidence in performing and learn how to play as part of an ensemble with others.



Spanish (Aprendo Español)

Children will begin learning Spanish, exploring where Spain is located and discovering other Spanish-speaking countries around the world. They will learn key greetings, introduce themselves, ask and answer simple questions, count to 10 and recognise, read, write and say a range of colours in Spanish, building confidence in speaking and understanding a new language.



P.E

During this block, children will take part in Basketball and Tag Rugby, developing their teamwork, communication and game-playing skills. They will learn and apply key techniques, improve their coordination and fitness, and build confidence through participating in a range of team activities and challenges.