Capital Cities

Music
In Year 3 we are very fortunate to be having weekly violin lessons. We will also be focusing on exploring different elements of music such as rhythm and pitch. We will also be creating our Christmas play.

PE
This term we are practising skills for hockey in Outdoor PE and developing social and team skills in indoor PE.

Science
In our science lessons this term, we will be exploring forces, particularly magnetism. We will be investigating how magnets attract and repel each other, and how they attract some materials and not others.

Maths
We will be finishing off our work on addition and subtraction. We will then move on to multiplication and division, specifically looking at the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

English
In English we will be studying *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. As a part of this, our main written outcomes will be diary writing, non-fiction and a recount.



Art
We will study the work of a variety of Impressionists to help us to use paint and brushes to create a range of different pieces.

Geography
We will begin to understand the hierarchy of settlement, the physical features that underpin the development of major cities, and the role and needs of capital cities.
We will explore London's population, historic location, weather and climate, and the role that attractions, transport, parks and the River Thames play in its popularity as a world-class tourist destination.

PSHCE
We will follow the Family Links scheme and Zones of Regulation lessons. We will discuss topics such as praise and criticism, and the power to choose and managing difficult feelings.

Computing
In Computing, we will be learning about stop-motion animation, culminating in creating their own media piece.

RE
Our big question this term is "Is light a good symbol for celebration?" We will be understanding the significance of light as a symbol of belief in different religions.

French
In our French lessons this term, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves by name, and continuing to revisit other simple greetings from Term 1.

Vocabulary

Capital city – The main city of a country, where the government usually works and important decisions are made.
City – Usually, large settlement with lots of people, buildings, roads and services. Historically, settlements with cathedrals became cities.
Town – Larger than a village, with lots of houses, primary and secondary schools, as well as sometimes having a railway station and shopping centre.
Village – a small settlement with fewer people, a primary school, a few shops, a post office and village hall.
Settlement – a place where people live, such as a village, town or city.
Economy – the way people earn, spend and use money in a place.
Attraction – a place or activity that people visit because it is interesting or enjoyable, such as a museum, castle or zoo.
Climate – the usual weather conditions of a place over a long period of time.
Population – the number of people who live in a particular place.
Tourism – when people travel to visit places for enjoyment, holidays or to learn about them
Physical features – natural parts of the environment, such as rivers, hills, mountains and forests.
Human features – things made or built by people, such as roads, bridges, house and shops.
Trade – buying, selling or exchanging goods and services between people or places.