



Areas of Learning.

As geographers we will be finding out about the climate, landscape, culture and industries of Mexico and South America. We will be developing our map and atlas skills as well as our understanding of cultural differences. We will also be exploring deforestation and river pollution, how these affect livelihoods and our own personal responses to these problems.

In computing we will be continuing to develop our publishing skills as well as our ability to use the internet safely, obtain images and information. We will be developing our skills as programmers through our use of Scratch and will be learning to use algorithms.

As designers and chefs we will be cooking and tasting some Mexican food as well as using our understanding of materials and their properties to design packaging for what we eat.

As scientists we will be building on our understanding of magnets and forces. We will be designing and completing fair tests. As part of maths through science we will also be using our measuring skills as well as our recording, interpreting and presenting skills when working with results and data. We will be showing our understanding and recall of information through our creation of non-chronological reports, labelled diagrams and explanations.

In PSHE we will be looking at 'Going for Goals' and feeling 'Good to be me'.

In RE we will continue to look at Hinduism and Christianity.

As part of our PE lessons we will be learning some traditional Mexican dances including the Hat Dance.

Literacy: As writers we will begin by recounting our Christmas experiences. This term we will be experimenting with different sentence openers, adventurous and detailed description and a range of punctuation and conjunctions. In our story writing we will be exploring adventure stories and The Dragon Machine where we will be developing our description of characters and setting in greater detail. We will also be making sure that our stories have a clear ending and beginning. As part of our work with dialogue we will also be learning to punctuate speech accurately. We will also be exploring play scripts, report writing and shape poems. In guided reading children will continue to read and unpick texts from a range of genres as well as developing their comprehension skills.

Our Keys to independence: We will be continuing to develop our work around the personal and social responsibility key with a focus on presentation and behaviour as we journey towards becoming **VIPS**.

We will also be developing our understanding of how we can be reflective about our learning experiences and how this can help us to improve our working and learning in the future.



Maths: As mathematicians we will be continuing to develop our understanding of the four calculations, jottings, problem solving, number, shapes, measures fractions and data handling. Mental maths calculations will be a priority for all children as they continue to learn their number bonds and times tables. We are now focusing on achieving our Bronze, Silver and Golds for our 2, 5 and 10 times tables before moving to our Bronze, Silver and Golds for our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please come and see one of the Year 3 team if you have any questions!