



Burton Joyce Primary

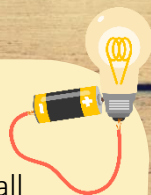
Spring 1 in 3/4

English



This half term we will begin by exploring poetry which will be inspired by Valerie Bloom. We will be reading and creating a kenning linked to rivers and then developing rhythm to write our own quatrains. We will identify a range of poetic devices to use when writing our own poetry. After this, we will begin an explanation text exploring the features to plan and write about the water cycle.

Science



Our science unit this half term is all about electricity. We will begin the unit by identifying appliances that run on electricity (mains powered and battery powered), construct a simple circuit, use switches within a circuit, before finishing off with learning about conductors and insulators.

Look at our science knowledge organiser for more information.

Welcome Back



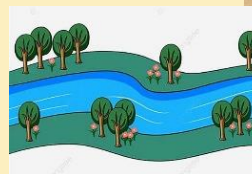
Happy New Year! Welcome back we hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas! The children worked incredibly hard last term and we hope they are ready to learn and enjoy new areas of our curriculum during the Spring term.

Our topic for this half term will be a Geography-based topic called 'Why does our river flood in the winter (River Trent)?'

Geography

Throughout this half term we will be exploring the features of a river, the journey of a river from source to mouth, world rivers and what they are used for. We will also be visiting the River Trent and doing a river study on our school visit to Perlethorpe.

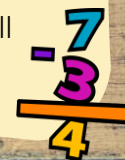
Look at our geography knowledge organiser for more information.



Maths

Year 3 and 4 children will continue with their learning on multiplication and division, using methods including column method. They will also be learning about length and perimeter.

Any additional times-table practice at home will also be beneficial for all children.



Computing

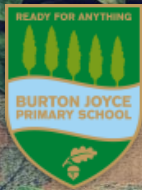
Children will be learning about their digital footprint as part of our e-safety lessons. Then they will be using the app 'numbers' to collect and present data into a table and chart.



Art

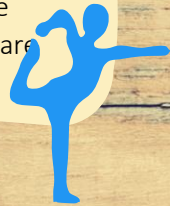
In Art we will be learning about the Artist Rachel Whiteread. Whiteread's work mainly looks at the use of negative space and she often makes casts of ordinary domestic objects. We will explore her work and make our own sculptures.





PE

- PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Year 3 will continue swimming until 7.2.24.
- This half term the focus for PE will be dance (Y4) and Gymnastics whilst Y3 are swimming.



Spellings

Week 1- words ending in -ous

Week 2- words ending in -ous where 'ge' from the base word remains.

Week 3- suffix added to words ending in 'y'

Week 4- words ending in ious and eous

Week 5- Challenge words



Music



In Music we will be looking at Copland's 'Fanfare for the common man'.

We will be investigating how music is used for dramatic effect. We will explore the use of pitch, melody, texture and timbre.

RE

Muhammad, Mosques and Prayer

An introduction to Islam. Exploring Muslims relationship with Allah. Develop an understanding of their places of worship.



PSHE



Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be thinking about hopes and dreams, overcoming disappointment, sharing our own dreams and exploring how we will achieve them.

Dates to remember...

-Monday **5th February**. Walk to the River Trent as part of our geography fieldwork. Further details to follow.

-Tuesday **6th February 2024** Year 3/4 trip to Perlethorpe as part of our Rivers unit. Further details to follow.

-Year 3 will continue swimming on Wednesday **10th January** until Wednesday **7th February 2024**

Have a great
half term

