

ENGLISH

In English lessons, our unit is based around the classic poem 'The spider and the fly'. We will explore ideas and preconceptions about spiders from existing literature before exploring our poem through questioning, reading, dictionary work, making predictions and whole-class performance. During the unit we will carry out writing tasks such as a police interview, a descriptive menu for a spider, a persuasive letter and a narrative version of the original poem. Our grammar focuses will be writing with correct speech punctuation and using adverbs effectively.

HISTORY

Our final history unit of Year 3 is 'What did the Roman Empire do for us?' It follows on very effectively from all our English study involving the Romans and focuses specifically on the spread of the Roman empire and its impact on Britain by AD 42. The power of the Roman army and the Romanisation of Britain and its lasting impact will also be explored. We will ask/answer questions such as 'Should the Romans have hailed Caesar?' and consider why some people rebelled against Roman rule when the odds against them succeeding were poor.

MUSIC and FRENCH

In music, we will continue to develop our playing of the ocarina, including playing the notes E, F and G along with previously known notes. In French, we will learn vocabulary related to school as well as the days of the week, months of the year and basic times.

MATHS

Our first unit this half-term is centred around place value and includes a first look at Roman numerals as well as estimating the position of numbers on a scale and then placing the correctly. We will also practise solving word problems involving rounding. We will then revisit strategies for addition and subtraction with a focus on money, followed by a unit working with fractions – placing them on a number line, comparing and ordering them and finding equivalents. We will then be collecting, presenting, using and interpreting data from a range of representations until finally, we will have a unit all about reading the time on analogue and digital clocks.

YEAR 3 – Summer 2 - Overview and welcome

Congratulations! It's the final half term of Year 3. There are so many exciting events to look forward to in Key Stage 2 at this time of year – we have Lego and Samba drumming workshops coming up, plus 'Baxenden's Got Talent', the Summer concert, Sports Day and the Year 6 Leavers' service. Our final English unit is called 'The spider and the fly' and involves so many fun activities. Our history unit will pull together everything we've been learning about the Romans, allowing us to really consider "What the Romans did for us" and appreciate their lasting impact in Britain. In our art lessons we will be designing digital and ceramic mosaics. Miss Swift, Mrs Duckett and me all hope you continue to "be the best that you can be" and to be kind to each other as you move towards Year 4! ☺

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'Which rules should we follow?

Moving on from exploring rules for living we now investigate whether everyone follows the same rules and why people of the Sikh, Muslim and Jewish faiths have their own special rules.

ART & DESIGN

This half term, we will be inspired by the art of the Romans! We will use a digital template to create our own mosaic designs on the computer, then replicate them using paper, craft foam and other materials. We will also study Roman sculpture and create our own life-like sketches of gods and emperors.

PE

Our PE lesson will take place on Thursday this half term and our Games lesson will be on Friday. In PE we will focus on skills in athletics, such as the pull/push throws, sling throw, standing long jump and fast running. Our Games unit "Trust and Trails" involves working together to carry out blindfold walks and jigsaw trails.

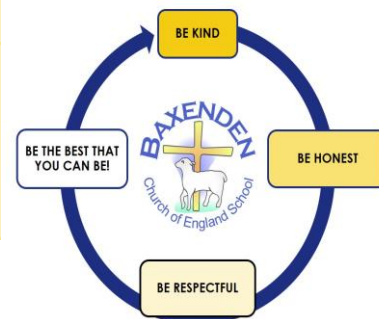
SCIENCE

In science lessons we will be continuing our study of plants, exploring what plants need to grow well through planning, designing and carrying out our own investigations and analysing the results of these.

We will compare the life cycle of a plant with that of other living things.

PSHE and COMPUTING

Our PHSE unit this half term is about growing and changing and includes discussing the importance of personal space and learning some basic first aid knowledge. In computing we'll be continuing to learn to programme events and actions, including drawing lines and debugging movements.



Our school helps us to walk with Jesus, to be the best that we can be.