Templars Academy

Parent / Carer Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1 2026

English

We start the Spring term off with Unit 6- of the Jonathan Bond Scheme- How to write a list poem. This provides the perfect structure for children to develop their use of alliteration and repetition, as well as their ability to make deliberate vocabulary choices. During Unit 7, we will focus on how to write instructions for games where they build competence in using present tense, imperative form, clear, concise and exact language, use of adverbials and numbers for sequence in a fun and engaging way. This is followed with some monster fun in a How to Trick a Monster Story when they use inverted commas, adverbs for time, place and cause as well as show character.

Maths

This half term, complete the Unit on addition and subtraction as we delve into inverse operations and making decisions. Then we will get stuck into the Unit on Multiplication and Division. In this element, we will build on our prior knowledge to find equal groups, use arrays as well as explore the inner workings of our 2, 3 and 4-times tables. We will also be looking at pattern finding and reasoning skills as well as making decisions.

History

This history unit begins with the exciting legend of Robin Hood. Children will watch a short clip to explore how legends are stories passed down through generations that mix fact and fiction. Robin Hood's story includes real historical figures from the time of the Plantagenets (Angevins), who we will learn about throughout this unit. This introduction helps children understand how stories from the past can be linked to real events and people, and sets the scene for exploring medieval England and its rulers.

Music

In this lively music unit, children will develop their sense of pulse and tempo through music inspired by Europe. They will listen carefully to rhythms, learn how to write down what they hear, and practise reading and performing rhythms on percussion instruments.

Science

Calling all aspiring geologists! In this unit, children will explore the exciting world of rocks, soils, and fossils. They will investigate the properties of different rocks and soils, learning how to observe, compare, and describe what they find. Children will also discover what fossils are and how they are formed, giving them a glimpse into life long ago. Along the way, they will develop important scientific enquiry skills, with a focus on carrying out fair tests and thinking like real scientists. This hands-on unit encourages curiosity, careful observation, and a growing understanding of the world beneath our feet.

Geography

Pack your bags—we're off on a geography adventure! In this fun and interactive unit, children will travel across Western Europe to discover its countries, climates, and amazing landscapes. From mountains and rivers to cities and countryside, they'll explore how land is used in different places. We will uncover the natural resources found across Western Europe and learn how people use them in everyday life. Through maps, discussions, and hands-on activities, this unit builds curiosity, world knowledge, and a sense of adventure as children explore life across Europe.

Art

In this art unit, children will explore three important elements of art: line, symmetry, and form. They will experiment with lines, discover how symmetry creates balance, and learn how form helps make art look 3D. Through fun, hands-on activities, children will create their own artwork while developing creativity, observation skills, and confidence in using artistic

PSHE

In this Unit, children will learn how to stay safe and make smart choices in everyday situations. They will explore what is safe and unsafe, understand the difference between danger and risk, and learn how to get help if something feels wrong. Through discussions, activities, and challenges, they will think about online searching, personal safety, and why some substances can be harmful. This helps them build confidence and awareness to keep themselves and others safe.

Computing

In Year 3, children are introduced to using email as part of their e-safety learning. Their school email accounts are carefully managed so that incoming and outgoing emails are restricted to the schoolname.net domain, helping to keep communication safe and secure.

RE

In this Year 3 unit, children will explore philosophy by asking big questions and sharing ideas. They will learn what knowledge is, how we learn it, and how wisdom helps us make good choices. Through stories and discussions, children will practise thinking carefully, listening to others, and explaining their ideas—just like real philosophers

PE

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday. Please can children come to school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Home learning opportunities:

Get stuck into TTRS (their logins have been sent home) and get hooked on good books (remember to recorded in reading logs)