

Your Learning in Year 3/4

Year 3



In both Year 3 & Year 4, there are 3 topics that you will cover (one each term.) Lots of your learning will be linked around these topics and will be cross-curricular and we work incredibly hard to ensure that as much of your learning links together as much as possible!

Each term, these topics start with a 'Wow Day' and finish with a 'Fabulous Finish!' These can take place in school and on trips too. It may be a special visitor, a different activity or a trip to a wonderful place, the aim is to make them as memorable as possible and give a great springboard or finishing point for our learning. These are great opportunities to share your learning with other children and families too!

The topics are:

Year 3: St Ives and the local area, The Stone Age and Weather and Climate

Year 4: The Romans Britain, Ancient Egypt, North America and Rivers

On the Year 3/4 page, you will find lots of links to helpful resources. Included in these are our curriculum maps so you can see what we learn each term but also knowledge organisers and quizzes. These organisers are incredibly useful as they contain key information/facts and vocabulary that will be really helpful in school when we approach each topic. The quizzes are a great way of learning these facts and storing the knowledge in your memory for the long term!



At Thorndown Primary, we are really lucky to have our own French specialist who works with all of the children. This ensures that the children have a firm, accurate knowledge of the key foundations of language learning ready to apply it to the rest of their language education. It can also reinforce some key grammatical learning from our English lessons too! We aim to do this by:

- Supporting you to become passionate and confident linguists;
- Teaching you how to develop the language learning skills you need;
- Providing you with a multicultural understanding.

The key topics that are covered in our year groups are:

Year 3:

Autumn: The basics: Classroom instruction, greetings, colours, numbers, age, Date/birthday, where you live, cultural aspects about France (flag, location..)

Spring: The story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' focussing on sounds, gender, food, alphabet, days of the week and negatives. We also explore animals looking at adjectives and habitat description.

Summer: At The Doctor: Body parts, genders, plurals, revision of colours, using description hair/eyes/ height, where it hurts j'ai mal à la/au /aux, using the negative je n'ai pas ma and specific vocabulary at the doctors

Year 4:

Autumn: We explore the weather looking at: Weather vocabulary, revision of days of the week, the seasons, make postcards, revise where we live, cities in France, compass points and the cultural aspects of Christmas.

Spring: Our families where we look at: family members, how to describe them and some more complexities of the French language including the different pronouns and verb forms used to describe our relatives.

Summer: We look at sports where we focus on: gender of words, plurals, different verb forms and looking at using the negative form to describe our likes and dislikes.



