

Welcome back to Kings Ash and to marvelous Year 3. We have all been so excited to have you back and are looking forward to getting to know all of you over the next year. Tiger's Class is taught by Miss Gardner and Mrs Brooking and Lion's Class by Miss Whitelaw and Mrs Berry. We also have the wonderful Mrs Waye to support both classes.



Miss Whitelaw



Miss Gardner

Everyday, Year 3 children will need to bring in their planner, reading book and water bottle (extra house-points for reading at home!) PE sessions are on Wednesday and Thursday and children are expected to changed independently into their full PE kit including shorts, PE top and trainers or plimsolls.

We encourage reading at home everyday to support your child's progress and love of books and reading. Please do come and ask us if you need support or guidance with this.

The Big Ideas

Each year, your child's learning will be linked into the Big Ideas. This helps the children to develop their understanding into meaningful units which are based around a key question. The Big Ideas the children will revisit each year are:

Identity and Culture

Conflict and Resolution

Environment and Sustainability

Health and Wellness

Technology and Innovation

Identity and Culture

In this unit we will explore what it means to be part of a community and how communities have developed and changed over time. We will become archaeologists and use evidence to find out more about the earliest communities in the past- particularly the Stone Age. We will create a physical toolkit with the tools needed to find out more about the past. They will have the chance to try out using these tools and skills themselves during a visit to a prehistoric site later in the Autumn as this flows to our next unit of learning.



Health and Wellness

During this Springtime block, we explore all living things, including plants, animals and human beings. We discover how and what things need to grow and flourish and how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. Focusing on working scientifically, we will be experimenting and growing within several projects, plus learning about and cooking healthy food- including a trip to Occombe Farm (fingers-crossed!)



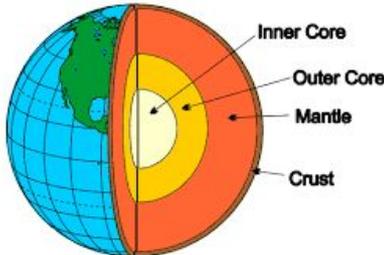
Technology and Innovation

With our Historian hats back on, we will go on a journey 5000 years ago, back to the age of the Ancient Egyptians. Discovering mummies, statues, strange gods and all sorts of incredible inventions, Year 3 will be immersed in ancient history and marvel at how these people created and made new technologies and inventions to help their lives. We too, will be making and creating, applying our new science based knowledge of forces and magnets to experiment with technology in class. Year 3 will also be spending their time learning computing skills and applying problem solving to simple algorithms.



Environment and Sustainability

Looking back into the distant time, we will become geologists to discover how the Earth was made and how we can still find clues to our beginnings in the world around us. We will discover volcanoes and mountains, drilling through to the Earth's core to explore our planet. On our journey, we will discover fuel and explore how our ancestors used fossil fuels to pursue development in our world, but also start to question the impact this has had on our planet. We will then apply our findings to develop a project supporting green and sustainable futures, including sustainable energies and other initiatives such as tree planting. We hope to take part in one of these projects in South Devon.



Conflict and Resolution

Through our final unit of the year, we will discover light and dark, working on several experiments to explore the properties of both. With a heavy emphasis on Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) we will be looking at building our communication skills, debating skills and what it means to be a good citizen and friend including conflict resolution.

In Geography, we will explore Britain through studying physical and human impact around us. We will build our geographical skill and explore how conflict and resolution has shaped our country.

