# Year 3 – Big Ben class – Autumn 2 This half term, Year 3 will be studying the following:

## Literacy

The Tear Thief is a charming, modern fairy tale by former poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy. The story is told using rich lyrical language and brought to life with luminous illustrations by Nicoletta Ceccoli.

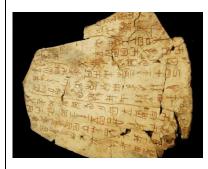
Some of the links and themes we'll be exploring include poetry, feelings, emotions, dreams and expressing yourself.



History

## The Shang Dynasty

Questions to be explored in this unit included discovering when and where the Shang lived and investigating what the job of an archaeologist involves. We'll also be learning about some of the objects found in Fu Hao's tomb, the significance of oracle bones and then deciding how important Fu Hao was.



## Maths

This half term will see us revising the key concepts of mathematics in:

Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division

This will include: Adding 2-digit and 3-digit numbers

Subtracting a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number

Estimating answers Inverse operations

Using multiples and times tables



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## What can we learn from the Bible?

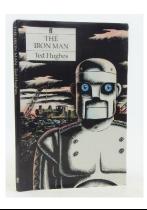
In this unit pupils will: build on their learning about Christian beliefs about God and Jesus to appreciate the importance and uses of the Bible for Christians today. They will be investigating interpretations of key parables and stories from the text, as well as considering the Bible as a source of information about Jesus for Christians.



## The Big Read

### The Iron Man

The Iron Man is a novel by British Poet Laureate Ted Hughes. Described by some as a modern fairy tale, it narrates the unexpected arrival in England of a giant 'metal man' of unknown origin who rains destruction on the countryside by eating industrial farm equipment before befriending a small boy and defending the world from a dragon from outer space!



## Science

**Forces and Magnets** 

In this unit, we will be learning about pushes and pulls, forces, magnetic

strength, magnetic poles and magnetic

repulsion and attraction.



## **ART**

In Art This term, we will be Investigating patterns in Indian art and The symbol of The circle.

We will initially explore complimentary colour schemes and pattern to create a background for our woven circle plate. Using coloured yarn we will create a woven 'eye' in the centre.

We will then go on to look at the abstract work of Kandinsky and develop some textured reliefs that we will print from.

## Spanish

Our Spanish lessons with Raquel will take place on Friday afternoons.



#### P.E.

This half term, we will have swimming on Tuesday afternoons except for one week when we will go on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov (instead of Tues 14th due to the class trip).

We will also have cricket with Jerry weekly on Friday. Children need to come to school with appropriate clothing for cricket — no shirts, jeans, anything too restrictive. Trainers must be worn for cricket.



13/11 Odd Socks Day

## Music

We will have music with Ken on Mondays.



#### **PSHE**

## Respecting ourselves and others.

We will be learning to recognise respectful behaviour, the importance of self-respect, courtesy and being polite

#### Homework

Homework will be sent out weekly on a Friday. It will mainly consist of Maths and Literacy revision, and spelling which children can complete independently.

## **Key dates**

14/11 Year 3 to Hackney School of Food 14/11 Winter Fair 22/11 Aladdin at Hackney Empire (this is 1.30-4.30pm so a late return to school)

18/12 Carol concert and KS2 recital

## Computing

This term we will be exploring J2 Animate - creating media and desktop publishing. This will include

As always, there will be a strong emphasis on understanding internet safety.

## Year 3 staff

Hugo – Class Teacher Julie HLTA Dilan LSA With support from: Debbie Barley

## In class

Children should bring a water bottle to school every day, whatever the weather.

## Helpers for swimming:

We will require two parent/carers to accompany the children to swimming each week.

#### Contact

Hugo and the Year 3 team can be contacted at Year3@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

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