





## Year 3—Spring 1 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Our Community. In this topic, we will be learning about Hedge End, our local community, and where it is located in relation to the rest of the world. In addition to this, we will be getting out into Hedge End, volunteering to make a positive difference and we hope to raise money for a local charity.

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### Our Community

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading</b></p> <p>In Book Talk lessons, we are reading, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' where we learn about Shen and Sika's adventure to meet the Snowfather who can grant wishes. This half term, we will be focussing on prediction, retrieval, and inference skills.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Writing</b></p> <p>In English lessons, we will be focusing on the Selfish Giant text and using this as inspiration for our letters of complaint. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about our local community of Hedge End, which will be supported through our local visit.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>This half term we will continue to develop our multiplication and division skills using informal methods alongside pictures and concrete resources. We will also be looking at multiplication and division using equal groups, arrays, sharing and grouping.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DT</b></p> <p>In DT, we will be designing and making packaging to hold a small item. We will carefully consider how to design and make our packaging so that they are eye-catching and appeal to our target audience. We are hoping to raise money for a local chosen charity by selling our packaged items (more details to follow).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b> (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is 'Keeping Myself Safe'. This will involve looking at how to make a situation less risky or not risky at all. Additionally, we will learn how medicines can be helpful or harmful.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about animals, skeletons and movement. We will investigate the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and how bones, joints and muscles help us move.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning how to use desktop publishing software on Chrome Books. Once we have learnt how to navigate and use the software, we will be creating a poster to advertise the items we are selling.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Games and PE</b></p> <p>In Games, we will be playing Tag Rugby and learning about the skills of teamwork and collaboration. In PE, we will be exploring orienteering.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE (Religious Education)</b></p> <p>Our concept in RE is Neighbour; we will be thinking about how the concept of Neighbour is important to Sikhs and Christians.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>French</b></p> <p>In French this half term our focus is 'instruments'. We will learn to recognise and recall up to 10 instruments in French. We will also learn to say and write 'je joue' (I play) in French.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Geography</b></p> <p>In Geography, we will be looking at where Hedge End is in relation to the world and identifying its key features. We will also be learning how to locate places in Hedge End using grid references. We will be conducting some local field-work when visiting Hedge End.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>In Music, we will be developing our singing this half term by performing in a group, increasingly matching the pitch and learning how to follow the melody.</p>

#### Key Dates:

Children's Mental Health week: Monday 3rd February—Friday 7th February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February

Trip to Hedge End: Dates to be confirmed and more information to follow.

**We would really like to hear about other opportunities to get involved with, and support our local community. Please do contact the school office if you know of, or are able to offer anything that may be relevant— many thanks in advance.**

**PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days):** Ash - Monday and Wednesday    Elm— Wednesday and Friday    Oak— Tuesday and Friday

**Homework reminders - completion of homework tasks will be rewarded with Effort Marks:**

**Spelling** - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child's log-in details can be found in their home school diary.

**Reading** - x5 weekly at home Please sign your child's home school diary .

**Your child will receive a maths or English homework. This task will be handed out on a Friday and will be due in on a Thursday.**

**TTRS-** Please encourage your child to log on and use Times Table Rockstars to practise their multiplication tables.