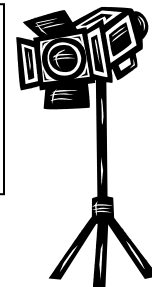


## Spotlight on the Curriculum

This spotlight has been written by the teachers. We hope that it gives you a brief insight into some of the work we will be completing over the next few weeks and also give you some advice as to what you could do to help your child at home.



Year 3 - Spring January 2022 - April 2022

		What are we going to be doing and how could you help at home?
English	What we are doing	We are beginning the term looking at stories from other cultures, primarily focusing on the fables of Anansi the Spider and we will end the term looking at Legends. We will continue our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar work with a particular focus on basic punctuation, adjectives, nouns, verbs as well as more complex language features such as: subordinate clauses, fronted adverbials, direct speech and expanded noun phrases.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice creating sentences with the correct punctuation.</li> <li>• Question word classes-is this a noun, proper noun, verb, adjective?</li> <li>• Practise spellings and hear your child read at least 5 times a week.</li> </ul>
Maths	What we are doing	To start the term, we are focusing on Multiplication and Division, we will then move on to Money and Statistics.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support your child with their Times Tables and make sure they can access TT Rockstars. We should be working towards instant recall of multiplications.</li> <li>• Support your child with any Maths homework that is set. Make sure they can access MyMaths, if not please contact your child's teacher for log in details.</li> </ul>
Science	What we are doing	Our new topic at the start of the term is Plants, we will look at naming the different parts of a plant and what their functions are. In the latter part of the term we will be exploring Forces, looking at magnets and gravity.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support your child with any Science homework.</li> <li>• Encourage enquiry about the world around them, focusing on plants initially, maybe challenge them to keep a houseplant alive, asking what it needs to grow.</li> </ul>
Topic	What we are doing	Pupils will learn about Rainforests, with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest and its importance in our world. We will then look at Rivers, learning about the different features of a river and the rivers that flow through Derbyshire.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage research relating to the rainforest.</li> <li>• Support your child with any homework that may be set.</li> <li>• Where possible, take your child to see some of the rivers that we have nearby.</li> </ul>