

Teacher notes

Year 3 unit overview

Titles, text types and curriculum links

1. **How to Build an Iron Age Roundhouse** – instructional (history – Iron Age)
2. **How to Make a Healthy Fruit Salad** – instructional (D&T – food and nutrition)
3. **The Natural Circle of Life – Flowering Plants** – explanation (science – life cycles)
4. **Why should I visit Skara Brae?** – persuasive (history – Stone to Iron Age)
5. **Roman Army Formations** – report (history – Romans)
6. **How Magnets Help Us** – explanation (science – forces and magnets)
7. **The Beautiful Game** – report (geography – South America; PE – football)
8. **Biomes** – report (geography – biomes)
9. **What time is it? GMT and the time zones** – explanation (geography – locational knowledge)
10. **The First Scientist** – recount (science – light; history – early Islamic society)
11. **Who Was Queenie McKenzie?** – recount (art and design – great artists in history)
12. **Why Buy This Brick?** – persuasive (English – persuasive writing; reviews)
13. **The Music of the Moldau** – report (music – great composers, Smetana)
14. **Come to Darlingwood Academy** – persuasive (English – writing for a purpose)
15. **Letter to a Penpal** – letters (geography – place knowledge)
16. **Ada Lovelace** – recount (history – computing)
17. **Cave Challenge** – narrative (history – Stone Age to Iron Age)
18. **A Mother’s Blessing** – narrative (Geography – European countries; folk tales – Baba Yaga)
19. **The Secret Mardi Gras King** – narrative (geography – North America)
20. **Journey to the Arctic Circle** – narrative (geography – Arctic and Antarctic)
21. **School Report** – report (English – writing for a purpose)
22. **I Have...** – poetry (English – present perfect)
23. **Volcano** – poetry (geography – volcanoes)
24. **The Mystery Rucksack** – narrative (geography – skills and fieldwork)
25. **Diary of a Fossil Hunter** – recount (science – rocks; history – Mary Anning)