

A Kingdom United Autumn 1 Year Three



Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you had a lovely Summer break. Below are some of the main aspects of the curriculum we will be looking at this half term. Our theme is 'A Kingdom United' which has a large focus on map skills; the United Kingdom and surrounding countries; and nutrition. Children will be immersed in this topic in the majority of subjects, from learning how to read a compass, baking traditional meals and learning how to stay healthy. We are also looking forward to our amazing school trip to PGL Winmarleigh where we will be having fun, building resilience, learning to work as a team and challenging ourselves whilst taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities.

Accelerated Reader Books need to be returned to school on Wednesday and your children will then take their AR quiz and choose their next book. If your child does not achieve 80% on their quiz, they will return home with the same book to re-read and gain a greater understanding before attempting the quiz again the following week.

Should you have any queries over the next few weeks, please don't hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo. The Year Three Team



As Mathematicians



This half term, we are going to continue our focus on learning our times table using the vocabulary, '3 x 2 = 6, 5 x 5 = 25' etc. Your child should be using Times Table Rockstars to support their learning in school and to develop their fluency in recalling their multiplication facts for 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x.

Our focus domain this half term is going to be Place Value. We are going to be learning how to recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number and how to read and write numbers to 1000 in numerals and words. We are also going to be using our knowledge to compare and order numbers up to 1000. Children will also need to be able to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.

We are also going to be developing our knowledge and understanding in addition and subtraction. We are going to learn how to mentally add and subtract, count up and down in tenths and understand that tenths arise from dividing an object into ten equal parts. We are also going to be using the columnar method to add and subtract numbers with up to 3 digits. Once we have a good understanding of using the columnar method, we are going to be solving word problems including missing number problems, number facts, place value and more complex addition and subtraction.

As Authors and Readers

Reading remains a crucial part of learning in Year 3. In school, we also have our Guided Reading sessions which take place three times a week. In these sessions, we will look at developing fluency when reading, the meaning of vocabulary and learn how to retrieve key information and how to read with expression. When your child reads their Accelerated Reader book at home, it is important that an adult listens to them read. Whilst listening to your child read, please support them in reading any unfamiliar words, understanding the meaning of words which they do not know and ask them a range of questions linked to the text to check they have understood what they have read.

Meanwhile, in English lessons we will look at the wonderful story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Set on an English coastline, it tells of the arrival of a mystical Iron giant, who causes for several of the farmer's tractors to disappear. We will investigate the rich language in the story and write plenty of our own work to entertain a reader with good choices of vocabulary. We will continue to build on our knowledge of sentence structure, looking at a variety of conjunctions, while also recognising the different word class in a variety of others and our own sentences.

As Sportsmen/ Sportswomen

In P.E, our focus topics for this half term are 'Warm Ups' and Athletics. The children will focus on improving their running, jumping and throwing skills by improving their specific technique such as accuracy in these areas. They will also learn the importance of warming up and cooling down and develop their scientific vocabulary linked to the body.

As Scientists

Nutrition is a key focus for us this half-term as we look at the types of food that animals and humans have to eat in order to survive and stay healthy. We will look at the role of different food groups and the jobs that they play in order to make sure our bodies stay strong, take in vitamins and give us energy for daily life.

As Musicians

This half term, we are going to take part in weekly Music lessons and will be learning how to play the Samba Drums.



As Artists and Creators

In Design Technology, we will be preparing and cooking our own Welsh Rarebit. We will start by learning the origin of the dish and learn how to identify the ingredients that make it. We will also be planting and growing our own garnish using seeds and soil, and then learn to identify them as they grow. To create our Welsh Rarebit we will be designing our own version of the recipe in order to cook our very own tasty take on Welsh Rarebit using the ingredients we have grown. We will be using our written methods and the equipment needed in the kitchen to make this tasty treat before reflecting back on what we have learnt or changed during the process of preparing and cooking.

As Theologians (R.E)

In R.E. we are going to be learning all about Sikhism. We are going to reflect on what it feels like to be part of a group or a community. The 5 K's are very important to Sikhs so we are going to be learning why they are so significant. We are also going to be learning all about Diwali and even cooking some traditional Indian food.



As Computer Scientists

In Computing, we will be investigating the role of databases. We will understand what data, information and databases are, and how they are useful in different areas of our life. In particular, we will look at branching databases which are often used in science to organise and categorise different things. This will really useful to us in many of the other subjects this half term as we think about how to sort different types of places (cities, capital cities and towns) and different types of food (carbohydrates, fruit and vegetables etc.)

As Geographers

As geographers, we are going to be learning all about atlases and maps this half term. We are going to gain a good understanding of how to read a compass and how to use accurate geographical words to describe a place and the events that happen there. We are also going to use some basic OS map symbols and learn to use 4 figure grid references.



PSHE & British Values

This half term, we are going to be learning all about life-style choices that people make in daily life which may affect their health. We will also understand how we can help people to make healthy choices and what might negatively influence them. We are also going to be involved in a program called 'Healthy Heads' this half term which combines PSHE and PE. We will focus on resilience, self-esteem, teamwork, growth-mindset and kindness as well as key British Values such as Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, respecting different faiths and belief, and Election Day.