

Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 1

Welcome to Autumn Term 1, in Year 3.

We hope you have had a wonderful relaxing summer holiday and are ready for the new school year.

- A reminder that the staff in Year 3 are **Miss Clarkson**, who will be teaching Year 3 Eagles and **Miss Rogerson**, who will be teaching Year 3 Hawks. They will both be assisted by **Mrs Reid**.
- **PE days are Tuesday and Wednesdays for Eagles. Hawks' PE days are Wednesday and Friday.** Children should come in full PE Kit on both days.
- **AR books** will continue to come home on a continuous cycle when the previous book is brought back. Please make sure that your child's book is returned at least once a week. Accelerated Reader Books can be returned any day within the week. This is to offer children and families, a chance to read as much as possible and they can come in more than once during the week. Once your child has returned their book they 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 when ready.

Please see below for a summary of the curriculum for this half-term:

In English:

In our English lessons we are going to be focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar this half term. We are going to be consolidating our knowledge of sentence structure and ensuring we have a good understanding of when to use capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We also will be practising our cursive handwriting to ensure that all our letters are clear and formed correctly. Year 3 children will be sent home 15 spellings a week. They will have their spelling quiz on a Friday each week.

In Maths:

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. Children will also need to be able to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.

We also will be focusing on learning the 3 times table.

In PSHE:

In PSHE this term, we will be learning to recognise and respect that there can be different types of families. We will look at the ways that families provide support, stability and love to one another and how we can show that we care and who we can approach if we have any worries or concerns. We will talk about how families are the same but also how they are different. We will also learn what 'makes' a family.

In Art:

In Art, we During this unit, the children will explore work by the French Impressionist - Paul Cezanne. We will deepen our drawing techniques through observational drawing by paying close attention to the shapes within objects. We also will develop and understanding of how to create shade, tone and texture. After studying artwork by Georgia O'Keefe, we will create their final abstract composition using skills learnt throughout the unit.

In PE:

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on net and wall skills and throwing and catching. Children will be focusing on sending an object (like a ball or shuttlecock) over a net or against a wall in a way that the opponent cannot return it. Our games focus for throwing and catching will be Netball and children will be learning to understand rules, positions and skills needed.

In Computing:

This half term our topic is Online Safety and Touch Typing. We will learn what makes a good password and will that not all information on all websites is accurate or true, identify some physical and emotional effects of playing or watching inappropriate content. Children will learn about email and sending/responding in a safe way.

In RE:

This half term, our R.E topic is Sikhism. We will discuss what influences people and inspires people to behave in a certain manner. 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.

In Geography:

This half term in geography we will be investigating the UK and gaining an understanding of the abstract boundaries of a country and a region. We will explore cities around the UK and discuss the features of a city and the countryside. We will be comparing Manchester to our local national park the lake district.

In Science:

Our first topic in science is Animals, including humans.

We will learn that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We will discuss a balanced diet, including how sugar can cause tooth decay and obesity, the food groups and their role in human development. We will learn how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.