

Welcome back to school and to the Juniors! It has been lovely to get to know the class this week and I have already blogged some pictures of the activities and work we have done. For a first week back, it has been very busy and the children have seemed to settle quickly and enjoyed the different settling in activities. This is a brief overview of what we are covering this term in Y3.

English

In English lesson, we are starting the year by recapping some basic skills and knowledge, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives and also what a sentence is. We will explore *The Journey*, a beautiful picture book by Aaron Becker and will write prepositional phrases and descriptions linked to this. We will then read and learn some of Aesop's fables and retell them in our writing lessons. We will look at character descriptions and simple speech punctuation. After half-term we will read the poem and story of the Pied Piper and explore the book "*The World Beneath My Feet*". This is an explanatory text which links to our science and geography work. We will explore different sentence structures to make our writing more interesting and effective.

Maths

In maths we will be recapping the times tables introduced in Y2 (2s, 5s, and 10s) as well as halving and doubling. We will be working with numbers up to 1000 and making sure we have a secure understanding of the value of hundreds numbers. We will move on to calculating with two digits first and then three digit numbers. We will learn to use mental and written methods. After half term, we will be concentrating on written and mental multiplication and division. We will then move on to learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will be continuing of Super Speedy Maths challenge across the school. Mrs Ventress will teach the class a shape topic and then simple statistics such as pictograms.

R.E.

Mrs Ventress will teach R.E. on a Monday afternoon. Our first topic considers what it means to be 'Called by God' and after half term we will be reflecting upon the topic of 'God is with us' linked to the Christmas story.

Year 3 Autumn Term Around the World in Six Weeks Massive Mountains and Violent Volcanoes

Key Vocabulary

continent, ocean, country, capital city, human geography, physical geography, volcano, magma, eruption, tectonic plates, summit, fossils

Science

Mrs Dowson will be teaching the class science on a Wednesday. We will start the term thinking about our own health and learning about the body. We will explore what is needed for a healthy balanced diet. After half term, we will be exploring rocks and soils. We will spend time naming and exploring rocks, including investigating their properties, before looking at different types of soil. We will also learn about the fossilisation process.

Art & DT

In art we will have a unit developing our drawing skills through investigating graffiti art, looking at artists such as Banksy and Keith Haring. In DT this term we will be investigating, sampling, designing and making sandwiches. This will link with our nutrition work in Science. After half term, we will be investigating packaging and how it is made for specific products. We will then design and make some packaging for a Christmas product.

Geography

Our big focus during this first half term will be on the countries of the world. We have started by recapping the five oceans and seven continents and will next look more closely at the major countries within each continent, including capital cities. We will identify countries which the children have a family link with. We will also look at the key geographical features of each continent such as tallest mountains, longest rivers, culture and religion. After the half-term holidays we will learn about mountains and volcanoes. We will use maps and atlases to find where some of them are in the world. We will learn about the layers of the Earth and the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes. We will also learn about different types of mountains and how they are formed.

French

This is the first time the class have been taught French and we will start by learning to greet each other, say our name and age. We will learn numbers to 20. We will also learn some simple words linked to Christmas and find out how it is celebrated in France.

PE

We start the year with a recap of the fundamental movement skills - running, hopping, skipping, jumping and rolling/bouncing/kicking/throwing a ball - before moving on to applying these skills in a variety of small team games.

PSHE

We start the year focusing on our school rules and community. We focus on what makes a good learner as well as how to develop resilience and independence. We will be learning about how to be a good friend and how to resolve conflicts when they occur.

Music

We will be learning to sing the song "Bringing Us Together" which includes playing notes on the glockenspiel in time to the music.

Computing

We will begin with a focus on internet safety and basic word processing. Then we will look at inputs, processes, and outputs before exploring computer networks. After half term we will continue to build on our word processing skills as we use desktop publishing software to make our own magazine covers.

Wider Curriculum

Rock Kidz, Life Education, Intrasports
Christmas Creative week

Worship Values

Love/Peace