

# Y3 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2025

## Literacy - History

This term the class and whole school will be revisiting the life and work of George Stephenson because of the local significance of his achievements and the 200-year anniversary of the first railway line. We will be reading about his life and answering questions as well as writing non-chronological reports, biographies and a recount (school trip). Later in the term, we will focus on descriptive writing focusing particularly on setting. We have daily SoundsWrite lessons, focusing on polysyllabic words. Our handwriting should be joined and legible. We will be practicing this in class daily and children will be given a pen to write with, when we feel their formation has improved.

## Maths

The children will continue to practice their fluency and reasoning with numbers and the four operations; +, -, x and ÷, specifically shorter and more efficient ways of calculating. Our big focus at the moment, is fluency with number and place value with 3 digit numbers. We have weekly times tables tests on Friday of x 5 x 10 x2 in a random order to start with and move on to x3, x4, x8. In every lesson we also ask children to solve problems and give reasons for their answers or thinking.

## Science

We are learning about rocks and soils including fossils. The children will then be learning about Animals including humans and studying bones, muscles and how we move and grow. In our lessons we will do practical experiments and try to record information ourselves.

## Home Learning

Please hear your child read daily and sign their Home School contact book. There are rewards for reading every night. Please practise weekly (or fortnightly) spellings and times tables given. Spellings will be given midweek for 'show us what you know' the following Monday (test). Times tables will be given weekly on a Monday for a test on Friday. Books will be changed on a Wednesday or Thursday.

## RE

We will start off focusing on Homes and loving others. We will learn about Promises made in Baptism and Confirmation and the Visitors at the birth of Jesus. In class we will have times of liturgical prayer where every child will join in. We will study synagogues in our week on Judaism.

## ICT

The children will be developing digital art skills and presenting information in different ways using Seesaw. They will combine text, pictures and internet images. They will develop desktop publishing skills using Keynote.

## Art/DT

This term, the children will develop their drawing skills, particularly the use of 'line' including sketching and shading. In DT, they will make a bread based product.

## Music

This term the children will be singing songs from memory, improvising and creating a piece of music to a known tune. They will perform songs as part of Christmas celebrations.

## Geography

Our geography topic this term will be Rivers. We will answer the Big Question 'Where does the River Tees start and end?' as we study the three stages of a river in this topic.

## PE

On Monday children have PE so can come to school dressed in their PE kits. This term we will develop skills in Tag Rugby and Invasion games. After half term, we will focus on throwing and catching games. On Wednesday children will be swimming and should come with their swimming costume, cap and towel, goggles are optional.

## Other:

Always bring in a water bottle to help with hydration through the day.

Times Tables Rockstars also has times tables for your child to practise.

## French

We are learning greetings, numbers, colours and some simple verbs and adjectives in French. Children will learn through songs, games, listening to French and both oral and written work.