

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3.

Welcome to Year 3! We have had a wonderful start to the year and children have settled well. We are looking forward to all the exciting topics we will be covering and creating happy memories. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

English

Much of our literacy work in Year 3 is linked to our other curriculum areas. Our first topic this term is The Stone Age and we will be basing our writing of persuasive adverts and instructions on the books we will be reading. We will be ending the first half term looking at Stone Age poems. After half term the children will read The Twits. We will use this as a basis for writing character descriptions, narrative with dialogue and playscripts. Our grammar focus will be to consolidate from Key Stage 1 in the first half term then moving on using and punctuating speech.

In Year 3 we ask that children bring their reading book to school everyday and then take it home with them. We provide many opportunities for them to read in class both individually and in whole class guided reading. We would really appreciate your support in continuing to listen to your child read every night.

The children will be given their spellings for the half term on Seesaw to be practised and they will be tested on a Friday. The curriculum includes a vast bank of spelling patterns to be learnt and your support in learning the words and patterns will be really important this year. Children will also be encouraged to check spellings with a dictionary.

RE

R.E: This term we begin with our new topic 'Homes'. We will be looking at living together as a family and the life of the Holy Family. We then move onto the topic of Promises, where children explore Baptism. A copy of the Diocesan parents' leaflet with extra information will also be sent home

We will also be learning more about Judaism exploring places which are significant to Jews.

Our final topic of the term is Visitors, we explore the theme of advent as a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus.

Maths

This term we are concentrating on developing the children's knowledge of adding and subtracting across 10 and numbers to 1000. We will also be working on multiplication and division. During the first term we will be focusing on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables and relating division facts.

By the end of Y3, we expect the children to know confidently the following times tables:

(Y2 level): 10, 2, 5

(Y3 level): 3, 4 & 8 as both multiplication and division facts.

Helping your child to learn these tables will help them achieve in many areas of maths. We will work on these a lot in class and test the children's knowledge. The children will be spending time in class accessing Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) to further support their recall of multiplication and division facts. Please use TTRS at home too as part of the children's homework.



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Checklist: Water bottles and reading books every day. Wednesday (fortnightly)– Forest school joggers, waterproofs and wellies (bring in a bag).

Science

We begin with our unit of work about Living Things: Animals including Humans. We learn all about the muscles and skeletons, humans and other animals. Children will also learn about nutrition and understanding the impact of exercise and a healthy, balanced diet.

History & Geography

Our very exciting History topic is The Stone Age to Iron Age. This will include work linked to Literacy and Art. We will be looking at life in Prehistoric times and how Early man survived. Moving on to how life changed from the Bronze to the Iron Age. This is a fantastic topic which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils. Our Geography topic is 'Rivers.' We will learn the key facts about rivers around the UK, moving onto locating the Amazon River and the countries it flows through.

French

We will learn how to ask questions and respond to others to greet and introduce themselves, begin to understand some phonetic differences between the language studied and their home language. We will learn key vocabulary of numbers, months, days, colours and pets and will begin to read and write vocabulary and progress to reading and writing simple phrases

PE

Our P.E day is Friday
Our My Personal Best words are 'Integrity' and 'Reflection'.

We will begin the term working on running. We will learn how to develop pace and sustain running over longer distances. During invasion games, we will be concentrating on how to move and control a ball with foot and hockey stick as well as how to track an opponent.

In Dance we will be creating dance phrases using travel and turns and developing our performance skills. We will continue to develop our fundamental movement skills.

PHSE

We will be looking at developing resilience and bullying including online safety. In RHSE we will be looking at living life to the full including developing forgiveness.

Art & DT

Our topic allows lots of opportunity for artistic activities including creating our own Stone Age shelters and discovering all about resistant materials. We will also have opportunities to look at fossil and cave paintings and drawings.

Computing

This half term we will be working on typing skills and online safety. During the second half of the term will be learning how to use spreadsheets and email.

Music

Children will learn how to confidently identify and move to the pulse. We will use glockenspiels and recorders, learning a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song.

Forest School

Children will have Forest School sessions fortnightly, their first session will be **Wednesday 17th September**. This area of our curriculum provides an opportunity for practical, outdoor learning.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Ellison