



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Year3.

We have been looking forward to welcoming you all back to school and into Year 3. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and exploring our exciting topics with you. 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 topics. Our first topic this term is Ancient Egypt. After half term the children will read *The Twits*. We will use this as a basis for diary writing, instructions and poetry and lots of other areas of reading and writing. We will work hard to improve our descriptive writing and the quality of sentence structure.

Reading is a huge part of Year 3! The children will be using Reading Plus (further details to follow) in school, please could you also support with this at home as part of our homework once log-ins are shared. The children will bring a reading book home, to be read at home and at school throughout the week (bring the book to school each day) and returned when they have finished. Please allow the children to rate the book themselves but please sign to acknowledge they have read the book to support evidence of reading.

The children will be given weekly spellings (paper copy and 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 be sent home soon.

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. Monday– Forest school joggers, waterproofs and wellies bring in a bag. Wednesday—PE Kit.

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 Ancient Egypt. This will include work linked to Literacy and Art. We will be learning about the importance of the River Nile and how people thrived in the desert! We find out all about the Pharaohs, religion and burials, daily life and culture. This is a fantastic topic which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils. Our Geography topic is 'My Place in the World.' We will learn about the 4 countries that make the United Kingdom and learn about population, tourism and migration

French Once a week Madame Sonley will be coming into our classroom to teach French. Our topics for the autumn term are Bonjour and En Classe. We will also learn more about French culture.

PE

Our P.E day is Wednesday.

Our My Personal Best word is 'Integrity'. We will be learning how to keep our word, behave consistently, set high standards and make choices based on values rather than personal gain .

For our physical skills 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.

Dance will be linked to our Egyptian topic. We will be creating dance phrases using travels and turns and there will be an opportunity to perform to an audience of friends.

Art & DT

Our topic allows lots of opportunity for artistic activities including creating our own Egyptian desert landscapes and our own portraits as Ancient Pharaohs. We will be blending colours and making an Egyptian outline.

IT

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 .

Music

We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor from Tees Valley Music to teach music this term which will include developing facility in playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument.

Forest School

This enrichment area of our curriculum provides an opportunity for practical, outdoor learning to further develop teamwork and co-operation skills

Thank you for your support.

Miss Allinson, Mrs Jones and Mrs Davies.

