

**Autumn2 2020**  
**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**  
**Year 3 Class teachers - Mrs Hadley and Miss Whitfield**

Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this half-term. Please feel free to email [yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk) if you have any queries.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>In Maths, we will revise last half term topics, as well as moving forward with the Year 3 curriculum. We will also revise key skills using practical activities where possible. Children will get an opportunity to review skills they may have forgotten in a whole class and small group setting.</p> <p>We will then be moving onto multiplication and division, continuing to focus on the 3, 4 and 8 times table. Please make sure your child revises their times tables at home. We will be giving times table tests at various intervals.</p> <p>Children may be set challenges to aid their progression at their own pace. The curriculum will include practical, real life problems for them to solve.</p> <p>For homework we are looking at units from the Mathletics scheme and will continue to send homework home. You may find that Maths test will also be sent home for the children to test their new and old skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <p>In English we will be reading a new book together, 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will use this book to investigate instructional writing, direct speech and persuasive writing. We will also be giving opportunities to discuss topics and enhance debating skills.</p> <p>This half term, we will learn about the following grammatical items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The articles 'A' and 'An'</li> <li>• Vowels and consonants</li> <li>• Conjunctions</li> <li>• Subordinate clauses</li> </ul> <p>In addition to this, our attention will be focused on practicing comprehension questions. We will be learning the techniques and skills needed to answer these questions effectively.</p> <p>Every Friday the children will be given spellings to learn. There will be a spelling test on these words the following Friday, so it is important the children practice at home. This half term, we also expect the children to make sentences with their spelling words on the back of the spelling page.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In the coming term, the children will learn how to make spreadsheets and use the keyboard correctly (touch typing).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p>This term we will be learning about light and shadow. The children will be given the opportunity to use their scientific skills while exploring sources of light and creating shadows. In addition, we will be setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.E</b></p> <p>In PE Year 3 the children will be continuing with their physical exercise programme. Where there are opportunities we will be teaching them the skills of football and gymnastics.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>Due to the pandemic we focused on learning the glockenspiel last term. Therefore, this term we will be following the curriculum where possible and learning songs around the theme, 'Let Your Spirit Fly'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>This term we will continue with the Jigsaw PSHE learning scheme. We will finish the unit 'Being Me in My World' looking at challenges and responsibilities. Then, we will start the topic 'Celebrating Differences'.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MFL (French)</b></p> <p>We will be learning and recapping basic French phrases from last half term. Moving forward, we will be learning the common animal names in French, French plurals, gendered speech and other useful French phrases.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>History</b></p> <p>In History we will be looking at Stone Age Man moving through to the Iron Age. The children will be expected to look at Artefacts and discover how our ancestors lived through an archeological approach. We will also be doing special topics on relevant historical days, such as Remembrance Day.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art/DT</b></p> <p>Art this term will be focussed on 3D art by creating models made of clay, dough and papier-mâché. We will also be designing and making gift boxes for Christmas. Please provide children with an old shirt or apron as this may get messy. We hope they enjoy this topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class Assemblies or trips:</b></p> <p>Information to come. Due to the pandemic we, unfortunately, won't be able to do any school trips until further notice.</p>	

