

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This newsletter gives you a summary of Year 3 topics for this term and information relating to your child's learning. A large part of their learning will be based around the question "Who first lived in Britain?"

History

We will be:

- Finding out what life was like in the Stone Age, Bronze age and Iron Age
- Looking at evidence of life in pre-historic Britain
- Examining changes from the Stone Age to the Iron age



Literacy

In English, children will be exploring Aesop's Fables and famous Greek Myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur. Children will also write regularly for other subjects. The theme for our Big Writes will link to the current literacy topic.

Writing at home

Please encourage your child to write for different purposes, e.g. shopping lists, instructions, stories, diary entries, etc. and promote the importance of correct letter formation and neat presentation. Some children may be required to do extra handwriting practise at home in order to improve their progress in writing.



Spelling

Children will learn to spell high frequency words, words with the same spelling patterns and topic related vocabulary. We will have a new focus each week in class. Children will take home a selection of words related to the weekly focus in a spelling book. Each half-term's spellings will be stuck into your child's home learning book and each set of spellings will coincide with each school week. Please help your child to learn the words. Spelling assessments will take place on Thursdays and will test children on the current week's spellings. There will be a Grand Spell in the last week of each half term. A copy of the 'Spelling Menu', with ideas of different ways to practise spellings, shall be sent home.

Reading

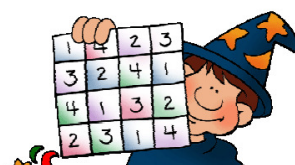
Children in Year 3 will read during whole class guided reading sessions. There will also be regular, independent reading and related activities. As part of the children's transition to Key Stage 2, Children will be given the opportunity to change their home reading books when they first enter the classroom or at the start of playtimes, which will help build independence and ownership of their own learning. It is expected that children will read at home a minimum of three times and record their reading in their green reading record book. **When recording their reads, this must include: the name of the book, the pages your child started and finished on and finally any interesting words they've found. An example shall be shown to the class in the first week followed by the children writing this into their books as a guide.** Less than three reads will result in an extra read at lunchtime. This provides children with an opportunity to catch up.

Maths

The class will have a daily maths lesson. This will have a main learning challenge and will also involve mental maths, counting and the learning of facts (Learn Its). The 'Learn Its' for this term will be the multiplication facts for the 3 times tables. You can help your child with maths by helping them to learn the tables (2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x) and number bonds to 20 and 100. Knowing multiplication and division facts is crucial to the understanding of many aspects of maths as your child progresses through school. Helping your child to tell the time to the nearest minute is also very important.

In addition to a recap of the essential Year 2 knowledge, your child will also be learning to:

- work with numbers to up 1000
- develop their understanding of place value



- add and subtract using three-digit numbers
- solve problems involving length, numbers and money

Science

In science, our learning will include planning and carrying out investigations relating to rocks, forces and magnets.

PE

Our class PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays (subject to change each half-term). Please ensure that your child has the appropriate indoor and outdoor kit in school on this day. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, this will help avoid items becoming lost or accidentally taken home by another child. Swimming lessons for Year 3 will commence **from 11th September 2023 and will take place on Monday afternoons from approximately 2:00pm to 3:15pm.**

RE

In RE we will be thinking about what it is like to follow God. We will be exploring how different faiths celebrate Harvest. We will reflect on Christmas as a celebration of God's presence with us.

ART

Artwork will focus on drawing with graded pencils to show tone and texture. Art will be linked to our history topic, exploring cave art using pastels and charcoal.

Spanish

Our topic will be 'Yo' (All About Me). We will be learning basic greetings and making simple statements about ourselves.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on Thursday and should be returned no later than Monday, this allows for any corrections and feedback to be completed with the class teacher. Homework should be placed in the homework box, which will be inside our classroom. In addition to weekly homework tasks, children will also be expected to read regularly, learn spellings and practise times tables (Often sessions created on Times Tables Rockstars)

I hope that your child has settled well into Year 3 and has adapted to the transition from Key Stage 1. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning.

Mr. Amos

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about:

- Being safe (including online safety)
- Families and people who care for us.
- Caring friendships
- Respectful friendships.

ICT

We will be using iPads, tablets and laptops in a range of subjects.

We will be:

- using the Internet for research
- learning about e-safety
- using publishing tools
- sending and receiving e-mails
- creating a database and data retrieval

DT

We will be looking at mechanisms with levers and linkages.