



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 2017



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your summer break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

English

In English, Year 3 will be learning about fables, non-chronological reports and Fables. The children will be given the opportunity to dissect each genre of writing, learn the key features and apply these to their own written pieces of work.

Science

Science will see the children investigating the requirements for plants to live and the influence we, as humans, have on their life cycle. In the second half of the term, the children will be looking closely at how we see, and learn about the different features of the light.

Geography

The children will be learning about hills, coasts and mountains of the UK. Within this topic, the children will be investigating the physical characteristics of rivers, mountains and hills, and describing how each is formed. Children will also look at the water cycle.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term the topic is how to recognise unsafe feelings and describe them.

In Year 3 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 10 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record regularly.
- Complete their homework on time.
- Practise their handwriting, spellings and times table every week.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home including reading books.
- Follow school rules at all times.

Maths

Maths, this term, will see the children learning about place value, mental calculation, written addition, subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Length and perimeter. They will develop the skills to answer questions which challenge them to apply this learning independently to their own work.

History

In History, Year 3 will be learning about the Stone Age. This will see the children developing their skills using historical sources to gather and question information. They will investigate early hunter-gatherers and farmers looking closely at the progression from one to the other and finally take on the role of a Stone Age man writing a diary entry.

Computing

'On-line safety' is our first computing topic. This will provide the children with skills and knowledge to stay safe while using the internet. Multimedia and word processing will allow children to experiment with programs used in these areas.

RE

In RE we will be exploring Christianity and Islam, and how they impact on their followers. We will also look closely at the religious books and teachings associated with each.

REMINDER

Times tables and spellings will be sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned on or before the following Monday. Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a Monday and left in all week. Children should take it home on Friday to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 3 team if you have any questions.