

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term 2021



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

## **Class texts**

In our English Unit, we will be reading
Charlotte's Web by E.B White. In our whole class
reading lessons, we will be reading Sheep Pig by
Dick King Smith. At the end of day, we will be
reading: 'The Stone Age Hunters, Gather and
Woolly Mammoths.'

#### **English**

This term, we will be looking at the writing genre of diary entries. We will produce a diary entry from the perspective of a character in the novel we are reading for English. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at persuasive texts. We will then produce a persuasive text on a controversial topic.

#### <u>Science</u>

Our first topic this term is,' How do plants grow?' We will discover the different components of a plant and their importance and explore the science of how plants grow, learning new scientific vocabulary to explain this. In the second half of autumn term, we will be answering the question: 'Can you see me?' Here we will be focusing on light and shadows.

# **Geography**

In this term we will be looking at Rivers. In particular, we will be looking at the features of the River Nile in the continent of Africa. We will also practise our map skills and use atlases to help us locate areas on a map.

#### Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our previous learning but also learn new skills to help answer questions in an efficient way. Children must know their 2,3, 4, 5 and 8 times table by the end of this year. Please start working on these at home. The main foci of this term are place value, addition, and subtraction.

# **History**

In the autumn term, we will be learning about the Stone Age. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting these in a variety of ways. We will use our understanding of early civilisation to produce various genres of writing.

# Computing

This term we will be looking at internet safety and coding. The children will be developing their programming knowledge and they will be creating a comic strip linked to one of the early civilisations. We will also be reviewing Online-Safety, ensuring all children understand how to stay safe when using the internet.

#### RE

Initially, we will be looking at Chrisitianity, focusing on the significance of Easter. In the second half of the term, our topic is on sacred scriptures.

# **PSHCE**

PSHCE is taught through daily reflections, assemblies and PSHCE days. This term's themes, such as risks of choices, feelings and moods will be explored.

## **REMINDER**

- **Read** every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday once the child has written a sentence about what they have read using the sentence starters printed in the reading records.
  - Practise their **times tables** on TTRS.
  - Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Monday.
- **Homework** is sent home on Fridays and must be returned on or before the following Wednesday.
- Authorised Full PE kit should be worn on a Monday for all 3 classes and Tuesday for Peacock and Panda Class and Friday for Turtle Class
  - Forest School- Panda Class will be having Forest School this half term, every Friday.
     Children must come into school in their forest school clothes (a separate email has been sent to parents providing more information on this).

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