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Year 3 Curriculum
Autumn Term 1, 2023-2024

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3. I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am sure that this year will be full of opportunities for your child to develop in maturity and independence.

We will be working hard to make sure that your child progresses through the curriculum whilst also maintaining steady emotional wellbeing.

Please find below an outline of work for the Autumn Term and some information about this coming year. This half term our topic is Stones and Bones.

Important Information

Please make sure your child has a water bottle - the water fountain has been converted so that children can refill their bottles and stay hydrated which improves concentration in class.

Homework

All homework will be issued on Friday, and handed in by the following Wednesday. The children will have a spelling test every Thursday. Children should use the 'Look, Write, Cover and Check' strategy to learn their spellings. They also need to write a sentence using one of their spellings.

Mathletics, Times Tables Rock Stars and homework sheets will be used to supplement Numeracy learning in class. If your child is unable to access Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars at home, he/she can come into class at lunchtime to complete their assigned homework.

A variety of homework from different subject areas will also be issued throughout the year. At times, your child may be asked to undertake personal research in line with their current topic.

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit on school on Monday and it will be returned home each Friday. This will allow for a PE lesson on Tuesday with Coach Smokie and an additional lesson later in the week. PE kit consists of a plain white t shirt, plain navy shorts socks and plain trainers. In the colder months, navy tracksuits can be worn for outside activities (but please still remember to pack shorts just in case the lesson is held indoors.)

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Swimming

Year 3 will not have swimming this term. They will have the opportunity to learn to swim later on in the year.



RE

This term our focus is 'The Christian Family' where children will learn about the family of the church and the signs and symbols of the Sacrament of Baptism.



English

English takes place in class every day. This includes spelling, punctuation, grammar reading, writing and handwriting. Our class texts this term are 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. This will be the source for our writing tasks which will include a diary entry, a poem (volcano personification poem) and a non-fiction writing piece (non-chronological report). Staff will listen to children read at least once a week. We encourage children to read aloud at least 20 minutes at home every night. Please discuss the text with your child, as this will help with their understanding. Both you and your child can write comments in the reading record. Children are also encouraged to look up words in a dictionary to find the meanings of new words and record them in their own dictionary. This will help increase their range of vocabulary in their written work. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and record to school every day.



Maths

- Place Value
 - Find 10 or 100 more than/ less than a given number
 - Recognise the place value of each digit in a three digit number (HTO)
 - Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and words
 - Partition numbers in different ways
 - Rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred
 - Compare and order numbers up to 1000
 - Count from 0 in multiples of 50 and 100
 - Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas
- Number - addition and subtraction
 - Add and subtract mentally (focussing on place value)
 - Add and subtract using formal column methods (exchanging and carrying)
 - Solve missing number problems

Please help and encourage your child to learn their times tables, related division facts and to tell the time on a regular basis. This will be really beneficial to their numeracy skills and help them to grow in confidence in maths and tackle 'real life' words problems. Next year, your child will be expected to sit the new timetables test.

Computing

This term our focus will be online safety

Music

Lessons with school music teacher Mrs Simon will commence this half term. Details regarding music lessons will be given to you at a later date.

Guide For Living

- Circle time to discuss behavioural, social and emotional issues
- Worry Box
- British Values

Spanish

Year 3 will begin Spanish lessons this year which will take place every Wednesday.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I hope Year 3 will be a very enjoyable and rewarding year for you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pinkerton, Ms Hancock and Mrs Hutton