



Year 3 Newsletter



Autumn 2017





Hello and welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are ready for the year ahead. This year the class will be taught by Mrs Sweeney on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Miss Pidgeon on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Murrill is the teaching assistant for Year 3 and we are all looking forward to a busy term.

Below is a summary of the subjects we will be studying this term and as you can see there is a lot to get through and plenty you can share with your child at home. It is with this in mind, that we again ask for as much continued support at home as possible so that your children make the best possible progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.
 Mrs Sweeney and Miss Pidgeon

English	Maths	Science
<p>This term we will read a range of traditional fairy tales and write our own. We will also share and write poetry and develop our report writing skills. It would be great if the children could read a range of fairy tales to support our topic. They could read the same story by different authors and then tell you what is the same and different about them.</p> <p>We will also continue to develop our grammatical skills in line with the Year 3 curriculum</p>	 <p>In maths we will begin by exploring the place value of numbers and different addition methods. Children will be tested weekly on their times tables. Please support them in learning these at home. 'Hit the Button' is a great online game to support this. To build fluency, ask children to add and subtract numbers mentally as often as possible.</p>	<p>In the first half term, we will be looking at how forces and magnets work. This will lead to lots of practical activities exploring magnets and friction.</p> <p>In the second half term, we will look at light. We will look at sources of light and how shadows are created.</p> <p>There will be plenty of opportunity for the children to research these areas of study through investigations, with a particular focus on how to make tests fair.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
History	Computing	Music
<p>In history, we will be learning how people lived in the stone age and iron age times in Britain. We will use a range of sources to find out about life in the past.</p>	<p>The computing topic this term is 'Keeping Informed'. Children will complete information gathering using a variety of technologies. E-safety is paramount and children will be taught how to keep themselves safe online.</p>	<p>In music, Mrs Flack will develop pupils singing through solo and group performances. Children will also learn a range of songs leading to the Christmas performance at St Nicholas Church.</p>

Art	Design and Technology	RE
<p>Children will explore painting skills through cave paintings linked to their history topic. Pupils will look at a range of images and use these to inspire their own work.</p> 	<p>This term children will research different photo frames. They will then design and make their own using a variety of skills to make a sturdy structure.</p>  <p>Please look at different photograph and picture frames at home to consider how they are constructed</p>	<p>In RE children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the Christian and Muslim religions whilst developing their ability to have informed conversations about religion.</p> 
PE	PHSE	French
<p>In PE the children will be learning about football and rugby and developing their coordination skills further. This term they will also be having dance lessons with Mr Sapsed. Children should leave their PE kit in school each week. As the weather becomes colder please ensure children have outdoor PE kits.</p>	<p>In PSHE, Year 3 will look at new beginnings and class rules as an introduction to a new school year. We will also focus on 'staying healthy'. Please talk to your child about their diet, the types of exercise they do. We will explore a range of values including: harmony, sharing, courage and happiness.</p>	<p>The children will continue to develop their French skills with Mrs Cornish. Lessons take place every other week and will include learning vocabulary to describe: colours, clothing and places in the town. We will also make links the topics we are studying this term.</p>
Parent Partnership	Homework	
<p>Throughout the year, there will be times when we need parent helpers and volunteers. If you have a particular skill or you could help with sewing or cookery projects please let us know. Parent support is valuable to us and also the children enjoy working with different adults too.</p> 	<p>Homework will be set weekly. Week one will be a maths task. Week two will be reading and grammar tasks. Homework is set on Wednesday and due in the following Monday. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following week. Please help children to learn their times tables and division facts ready for their weekly test on Friday too. Just five minutes a day will really help. Please hear your child read at least three times a week and sign their reading record. Reading is an important focus in Year 3 and your support can have a huge impact on the progress of your child.</p> <p>We are offering a homework club for those children who would benefit from extra support. The homework club will run from 3.00pm to 3.30pm each Wednesday.</p> <p>Each term children will be set a task based around our topic work. Please read with your children regularly and record this in their reading record. Please ensure your child brings their reading record and reading book to school every day.</p>	

Please contact us if you have any concerns. Here is to a happy and fun autumn term!

Mrs Sweeney and Miss Pidgeon