

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

We can't believe that we are already entering the Autumn 2 term! This half term is extremely exciting with lots of interesting topics. Below is a summary of what we will be covering in Year 3 this half term.

Reading

We will be reading every day in class. Twice a week, we will be reading a shared book. These whole class lessons will help us to develop our reading comprehension and teach us how to use skills such as inferring and predicting when we read. Twice a week, we will read a book which matches our reading level to improve our fluency. Once a week, we will be learning how to answer written comprehension questions.



As a class, we will be reading:

Mary Poppins by PL Travers

Lion at School and Other Stories by Philippa Pearce

Writing

This half term, our writing will be writing about *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. We will be writing recipes inspired by the medicine which George makes for Grandma. We will be writing witness statements and learning how to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. We will also be reading *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. We will be writing first person stories and persuasive adverts based on the events of the book.



Maths

Continuing from Autumn 1, we will start the term by finishing our Addition and Subtraction unit. We will learn the formal methods for addition and subtraction, become fluent using these and then using their knowledge to solve reasoning problems. We will then begin a Multiplication and Division unit, again learning formal methods. The children will benefit from practising their times tables at home.



Science

Our science topic for this half term is called 'Can you see me?' The unit focuses on light, investigating how shadows are formed, how mirrors work and how we can stay safe in the sun. This unit will also involve a number of experiments, which the children really enjoy taking part in.



Computing

Our next computing unit is called 'Online Safety'. The children will learn about the importance of being safe online, choosing secure passwords, and the necessity for age restrictions. This is a short unit, which will then be followed by another unit on spreadsheets. The children will get the opportunity to use data tools to produce charts and graphs.



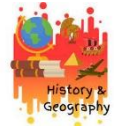
Art & Design

We will be running our first Art & Design unit this half term. This unit will consist of completing a drawing from observation, learning the difference between a tint and a shade and creating versions of a cartoon drawn by a famous illustrator. The children in Year 3 love being creative, so I'm sure they will love this unit!



History

This half term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will be finding out about the pharaohs, Ancient Egyptian beliefs in the afterlife, and the technology invented and used by the Ancient Egyptians. We will be thinking about the question, “Why were the Egyptian Pharaohs so powerful?” and using our historical skills to discover the answer.



Music

For our next music unit, the children will be using the glockenspiel to learn about basic rhythm and notes. We will begin to develop our knowledge of music composition, focusing on the different parts that make a song.



PE

This half term, we will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please remember to send your child in wearing their PE kit on these days. We will be learning about jumps, balances and rolls in gymnastics, as well as completing some fitness circuits.



PSHE

Our weekly PSHE sessions follow the Jigsaw curriculum. Our next unit is called ‘Celebrating Difference’. The children will be encouraged to be respectful and celebrative of their and others’ differences. We will explore differences such as families, conflicts, feelings and compliments.



RE

This half term, we will be focusing on Christianity. We will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas and what the festival means to them.



Enrichment

This half term, we will be taking part in exciting Christmas and Diwali activities.



Homework Project

Here are some activities that link to our topic. If your child completes one, please bring it in – we would love to see it!



- Go on a hunt for light sources at home. How many different sources of light can you find in your home or local area?
- Have a go at some observational sketching in your local area. You could go to the park and sketch what you can see, or collect some leaves to sketch at home.
- Make a poster to explain why it is important to stay safe online and share some online safety top tips



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Thakrar
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Limehouse

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.
We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.
Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary

Autumn 2

Monday 30th October – school reopens for pupils

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 1st December – GAT Training Day

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day – tbc



Wednesday 13th December - EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Performance (am)

Thursday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – 9.30am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th December – school closes for Christmas