



English:



In autumn 1, we will be spending the first few weeks concentrating on grammar and punctuation skills. Throughout the term, we will write for a range of purposes and will be finding out what skills are needed to write a non-chronological report, a letter and a short narrative. The children will learn how to vary their sentence starters and link sentences using a range of conjunctions. The children will also be taught grammar and spellings in accordance with the National Curriculum for Year 3.

We will read a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts including 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. The texts will give us the opportunity to further develop the children's writing and reading skills. Through discussions around the texts, we will make predictions and encourage the children to ask questions. Their understanding of the text will be reinforced with comprehension questions.

Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week and record when they have read using the Boom Reader app

Creative Curriculum:

History Autumn 1

Our topic is '[Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?](#)' We will be learning about how the people of Britain have developed over thousands of years.



Geography Autumn 2

We will learn about the features and characteristics of the Earth's layers, including exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity in the topic '[Why do people live near volcanoes?](#)'

Art Autumn 1

We will be exploring sculpture and 3D art and learning about abstract shape and space. We will also be creating our own prehistoric cave paintings.

DT Autumn 2

We are thinking about cooking and nutrition during our 'Eating Seasonally' unit.

Music Autumn 1 We will be creating our own compositions in response to watching an animation about mountains.

Autumn 2 We will be learning about pentatonic melodies and compositions.

Maths:



During our maths lessons, we will focus on number with the emphasis being on consolidating and building on their knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our targets will focus on:

- ✓ Representing numbers to 1000
- ✓ Understanding the place value of 3-digit numbers
- ✓ Finding 10 / 100 more and less than a 3-digit number
- ✓ Adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits using the formal written method and mentally
- ✓ Recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 4 and 8 times tables
- ✓ Securing mental calculations using numbers up to 999

Science:

In the first half term, we will be studying Animals Including Humans.

We will be learning about the structure of the human skeleton and how skeletons differ in different animals. We will also look at nutrition and the importance of eating a healthy diet.

In the second half of the term, the children will explore different types of rocks and soils and learn how to classify and group them. We will look at the Earth and how it is made up of different rocks. We will also look at how fossils are formed.

Computing:



In computing, our topic is Computing Systems and Networks and we will be thinking about how computers are connected.

British Values.

Children will be learning more about Democracy and the Rule of Law. As part of this, children will have the opportunity to vote for their representative on School Council.

RE

In RE, the children will be looking at what people believe about God. We will explore ideas about God and consider what this concept might mean for Christians.

PSHE

In PSHE, our focus in autumn 1 will be Citizenship. In autumn 2 we will be looking at Family and Relationships.

Spanish

In KS2 the children begin to learn Spanish. In autumn 1, children will be studying a unit about learning to speak Spanish. In autumn 2, we will be learning to name and describe the seasons.

Important Dates:

- 1st September: INSET Day (School closed)
- 2nd September: Children return to school
- 12th September Roald Dahl Day
- 16th September Y3 Come Dine with me 12.10pm
- 1st October Y3/4 Reading Café 9.00am
- 7th October: Photograph Day
- 9th October Y3 Autumn Assembly 9.15am
- 16th October: Parents Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm
- 24th October - 3rd November: Half Term Holiday
- 19th December: Term ends at 1pm

PE:

Outdoors - The children will be learning some new skills and learning to play basketball and football (**Monday**)

Indoors - Children will be developing their dance, balance and co-ordination (**Tuesday**)

Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit. This can be worn to school each Monday and Tuesday.