



English:



In autumn 1, we will be spending the first few weeks concentrating on grammar and punctuation skills. After this, we will be finding out how to write an explanation text. We will be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts including 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. The texts will give us the opportunity to develop the children's writing and reading skills. The children will learn how to vary their sentence starters and link sentences using a range of conjunctions. Over the term, we will write for a range of purposes. 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. Through our English lessons, the children will also be taught grammar and spellings in accordance with the National Curriculum for Year 3. Please encourage your child to read **at least 3 times a week** and record when they have read using Boom Readers.

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. In particular 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, the year 3 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:

- 2nd September: INSET Day (School closed)
- 3rd September: Children return to school
- 13th September Roald Dahl Day
- 27th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 8th October: Photograph Day
- 17th October: Parents Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm
- 28th October - 4th November: Half Term Holiday
- 4th December: Christmas Fair
- 20th December: Term ends at 1pm

PE:

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

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

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