



Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Dear Year 3 Parents

We hope you and the children had a lovely half term, here are some areas of learning that we will be covering over the next half term.

English

In English this half term we are continuing to work on our Non-Chronological Reports before we look at writing a warning tale which includes a focus of describing setting. We will be using the model text of Little Red Riding Hood to support our writing and will be learning to use similes, personification and list of 3's to describe the setting in our stories. We will end the Autumn term by completing some instruction writing.

We continue to do daily phonics which focuses on a different spelling sound and grammar focus each week. This terms sounds and grammar focuses for the whole class will be:

Week 1: ue, u_e, ew and Syllables

Week 2: e_e and Present Participle

Week 3: 'n' for the 'ng' sound and Present Continuous

Week 4: soft c and Past Continuous

Week 5: soft g and Proper Nouns

Maths

We continue to work on our 'Numbers to 1000' unit of work for the rest of the Autumn term. This includes learning about recognising, representing, ordering and comparing 3 digit numbers up to 1000, using mental strategies to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and measurement with a focus on measuring length.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is Rivers. We look at the main features of rivers including the upper, middle and lower course of a river, the water cycle, why many cities have been created near rivers and we finally complete a river study. We will also study some river art inspired by Claude Monet, which will lead to creating our own piece of river art.

Science

This half term's science topic is forces and magnets. We have fun in this unit experimenting with push and pull forces, friction and how different magnets attract and repel.

RE

Our Christian value this half term is kindness. Our school/class services are centred around this value. We will be reading kindness stories from the bible and looking for acts of kindness in our school days. In our RE lessons, we are looking at incarnation, looking closely at what baptism and the trinity mean to Christians, which will then lead nicely onto the Christmas story. We will be writing the Christmas story from different perspectives.

PSHE

Every week we complete an hour of PSHE. Our focus this half term is 'celebrating difference', where we look at how we are all similar and different and why this is something to be proud of. We aim to link this to growth mind set and strong self-esteem too. PSHE work is completed in the children's jigsaw journals.

PE

PE takes place every **Monday and Thursday**, children must bring their PE kits into school in a bag to get changed into, Monday's will be inside at the moment as we focus on gymnastics and Mr Coggin's lessons will be outside, with the weather getting colder and wetter please could children have warm clothes, coats and sensible footwear to complete PE in.

Thursday Enrichment Day

The children have been really enjoying their Thursdays so far and the routine continues to be the same as shown below. Please could forest school kits be in on Thursdays with wellies.

Music Service

P.E.

Break

French

Forest School

Lunch

Music

Spelling/Reading

Home

Homework and Reading

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday, there is no homework project this half term so homework will consist of spellings and a page from the times table booklets we are sending home. Please could these be returned the following Thursday to allow time for marking. We continue to change our home readers and reading for pleasure every Monday and will be starting up a class reward chart very soon to encourage more home reading.

As always, our door is always open! If you have anything to discuss, please let us know on class dojo, via the office or at pick up at the end of the day.

Year 3 Team