



Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 3! This half term our value is 'COMMUNITY'. During Collective Worship and class activities we shall be exploring the important role we all play in our school and local communities. We will be considering the different ways in which we can lovingly contribute to them. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'.

English

This term we will be using Sir Michael Morpurgo's version of the famous legend of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' (illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark) as the foundation for our work. Your child will create their own version of the story and incorporate the grammatical features of expanded noun phrases, complex sentences (using subordinate clauses) and fronted adverbials. Please read a variety of genres with your child including myths and legends, poetry and play scripts. Encourage your child to read each night independently so they can foster a real love of reading for themselves. Please ensure the yellow reading diaries are filled in each time your child has read and are always kept in their school bags.

Science

During our first half term, our topic will be 'Animals including Humans'. The children will learn to identify that all animals need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. They will also learn the function of skeletons and muscles. After half term, our topic will be 'Forces and Magnets'. The children will be able to compare how objects move on different surfaces, notice that some forces need contact between objects and observe how magnets attract and repel each other.

Homework

The children will have a homework book and will be set work on Friday which must be completed and handed back in by the following Wednesday. We will have a weekly spelling and times table tests on Friday afternoons.

Maths

We will start the term by extending our knowledge and recapping place value and our number bonds. These are key mathematical skills, which help children to understand and progress in other areas of number. We will also be focusing on adding and subtracting numbers up to 200 mentally and using the inverse to check our answers. Through the year, the children will continue to recap their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please practise these at home. A multiplication grid will be stuck into the children's homework books for their use. We will also be focusing on applying the knowledge and methods taught during Maths lessons, using word problems, challenges and setting up role plays; the children will be able to apply their learning to real life examples and explain how they know an answer is correct.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will be taught French and PSHE during this time by Mrs Lane and Mrs Wilkinson.



P.E

On Thursday afternoons the children will have P.E with Mr Smith and Mrs Wilkinson. Please ensure your child has the correct, named P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsoles).

On a Friday morning, the children have swimming lessons and will need a named towel, swimming costume and swimming cap in a named bag, goggles are optional. After swimming the children will be given a snack, alternatively you are welcome to provide your child with a healthy snack.

If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know.

Philosophy and PSHE

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website.

As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning.

Expressive Arts

This term the children will be developing their drawing and painting skills, linking to our topic, 'The Americas'. This will include looking at texture, shadow and tone. We will also be looking at mixing colours, the connotations of colours and creating a colour wheel to help the children to use colour to create the desired mood.

Music this term will allow the children to learn about popular musical genres which originate from the Americas.

R.E

This will be taught across the school on Tuesday afternoons. This half term the children will be learning about Hinduism, its belief system and practices. After half term, we will be thinking about what being a Christian really means and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children will be learning about 'The Americas' this term. They will be developing their understanding of the geographical locations and key features of the different countries found within these two continents. We will be paying particular attention to volcanoes and the rainforest. Our study of this topic will be cross-curricula including Geography, History, English, Science, Art and Music.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term. Mrs Wilkinson and I are both very much looking forward to working with your wonderful children!

Mrs N Rutter (Class Teacher)

Mrs L Wilkinson (Class Teaching Assistant)

