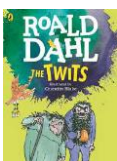
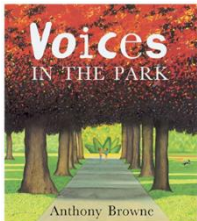




Year 3 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 2 2023

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – This half term we will continue reading ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl together in class before moving on to another Roald Dahl text – ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’. We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation and Summarising. Any children who are still working on the Read, Write Inc. Phonics programme will continue to work on their phonics skills during these lessons.	  Religious Education (R.E.) – Our first unit of this half term focusses on Reconciliation. The children will explore human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ’s teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next, we will go on to learning about Advent; looking at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome and recognise Jesus Christ. They will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas and reflection on Christ being in the world.
Writing – Our writing focus is non-fiction – Discussion. Our focus book is Voices in the park. Voices in the Park uses story and imagery to tell the story of a shared space through the voices of four different characters. The children will discuss and give their opinions of the differing perspectives of the four characters. They will debate pros and cons using discussion language through this text. 	Maths – This half term we will focus on: Multiplication and Division. The children will be learning their 3 & 4 Times Tables, which will support the mental maths focus on knowing and calculating these facts with speed and accuracy. Please help your child to practise these at home. The children will apply their times tables knowledge to support their learning with division. They will be given the opportunity to solve problems using multiplication and division. The children will continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars and Freckle to support their learning.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – This half term, we will be looking at • Simple, complex and compound sentences • Prepositions • Conjunctions • The two uses for apostrophes We will have a spelling test each Wednesday; the spellings for each week will be glued in your child’s planner ready for the week ahead. Please help your child to learn these words at home.	Mental Maths - This half term we will be looking at: • Mental addition and subtraction adding 2 digit numbers together by using our place value knowledge. • Multiplication and division facts linked to the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Our focus is on knowing and calculating these facts with speed and accuracy. Please help your child to practise these at home. We will continue using Freckle to work on the skills we need to develop.
Geography - The children will be learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. This learning will include how these natural features are formed and made, then they will explore how earthquakes and volcanoes occur as well as understanding what the impact on earth is when these natural disasters occur. Finally, the children will	Science During this half term the children will learn: What is an adaptation? How are organisms adapted to hot environments? How are organisms adapted to cold environments? What adaptations do nocturnal animals have? How are organisms adapted to live underwater? How are organisms adapted to live in the deep sea?

explore what people around the world do to protect themselves against earthquakes.	
Physical Education (P.E.) This half term, the children will be focussing on gymnastics and hockey. In gymnastics, the children will continue to develop skills such as rolls, jumps and balances. They will also be introduced to new challenges such as mirroring and matching partner work as well as attempting different actions on apparatus. In hockey, children will develop skills in isolation such as passing, dribbling and shooting. Furthermore, they will develop their understanding of the rules of the game and how to work as part of a small team. <u>Children will need their PE kit in school on Thursdays and Fridays</u> – as some of these lessons will take place outdoors you may wish to provide navy jogging trousers, navy sweatshirt or school jumper and trainers for the children to wear if the weather starts to get colder.	Computing – This half term we will focus on the computing system Scratch. The children will develop their understanding of sequencing commands on the program. They will begin to order commands to affect a program's output. The children will then use their knowledge to sequence these commands to achieve the same outcome, as well as different outputs.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) –In PSHE this half term we will explore diversity – thinking about our similarities and differences, exploring celebrations including Diwali and Christmas; encouraging respect and tolerance of other peoples beliefs. We will also explore bullying and the importance of reaching out for help and support. We will begin our 'Ten Ten' lessons for the year, starting by thinking about how special each of us is as an individual.	French – Using their detective skills to spot cognates and working out meaning, the children will learn vocabulary for different animals. They will research a new noun in French and determine its gender. They will look at French habitats as well the animal food chains.
D & T – In Art later this half term, we will be developing our Creative Craft skills. Taking inspiration from artists and craftspeople, we will be investigating and exploring paper crafts including weaving and decoupage.	Music – In our music lessons with Miss Scoines, we will be developing our understanding of traditional musical notation and Italian Musical terms: piano, forte, repeat marks, etc. We will also develop our singing skills by singing together as a choir.

Other Important Information
<u>Important Dates this half term for Year 3</u> Monday 6th November – children are not in school due to staff training. Wednesday 15th November – Year 3 Bollywood dance workshop in school. Monday 20th November – school photos taken in school. Tuesday 5th December – Year 3 mass at St Joseph's church Darlaston. Tuesday 12th December – the class will be going to watch a performance of 'XXX' at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton. Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Carol Service in school at 2.30pm – Parents welcome.

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas dinner in school Christmas Jumper Day and we will be enjoying our school Christmas lunch!

Thursday 21st December – Christmas craft in school until 4.30pm.

Homework in Year 3

- Children are expected to read at home every day for 15 - 20 minutes – please sign your child's planner to show that this has been completed.
- Spellings will be stuck into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays each week.
- Mental Maths – The focus for the mental maths test each week will be on learning times tables. We are currently developing fluency in our 2x tables, please help your child to practise at home (I'm sure the children can tell you how we do it). Children are encouraged to access Freckle and TTRockstars regularly if possible to help them improve their maths fluency.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- we are here to help.

Mr Black & Mrs Drew.