



Year 3 Curriculum Overview for Parents Spring 1 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

<u>Guided Reading</u> - This half term we will be reading <i>The Sheep Pig</i> together in class. We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation and Summarising.	<u>Religious Education (R.E.)</u> - This half term we will be focusing on the celebration of Christmas. We will look at the thoughts and feelings of the shepherds during this time and focus on the symbol the crib has in our faith as well as the significance of the angels in this story.
<u>Writing</u> - Our focus story in writing for this half term is <i>The Hedgehog</i>. We will be writing a non-fiction non chronological report on hedgehogs using our research and knowledge from the book.	<u>Maths</u> - The focus in maths this half term will be length. We will look at conversions between measurements and different ways we can show this. Children will also explore word problems where they will use knowledge learnt in lessons to find answers.
<u>Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar</u> - This half term, we will be looking at conjunctions, we will do this by finding conjunctions in a given text and then using them in our own writing. We will look at the different types of conjunctions including subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. We will also be learning about fronted adverbials and how these can help our writing sound more imaginative. In SPAG we will also begin to learn about inverted commas (or speech marks) and when to use them in our writing.	<u>Mental Maths</u> - This half term we will focus on: Multiplication and Division. The children will be learning their 3, 4 & 8 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.
<u>History</u> - The children will finish their Stone Age topic this half term, focusing predominantly on topics such as housing and the changes coming out of the stone age and into the iron age. Children will also discuss farming and the impact this had on diet and livelihood as well as exploring monuments from the Stone Age.	<u>Science</u> - the children will be focussing on Chemistry, learning about Raw and Synthetic Materials In this unit, we will be learning: 1. What is a raw material? 2. What is a synthetic material? 3. How are synthetic materials made from raw materials? 4. What is recycling and why is it important? 5. What does it mean to live sustainably?
<u>Physical Education (P.E.)</u> - Children will need their PE kits in school on Thursday and Friday.	<u>French</u> - this half term's topic is focussed on transport. Using their detective skills the children will learn to

	spot cognates and working out meaning. They will learn new transport-related vocabulary and construct sentences using parts of the verb 'aller' - to go, and prepositions to express going on holiday to a different country or going to school by a particular mode of transport. The children discover that French is spoken in many countries around the world other than France.
<u>Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)</u> - Me, My Body, My Health, children meet animated character, AJ, who will reappear throughout this scheme of work. In this Unit, children will learn to celebrate similarities and differences, and to appreciate and look after their bodies as gifts from God. Teaching also covers specific physical and emotional changes during puberty, and that growing from boys and girls to men and women is part of God's loving plan for creation	<u>Art</u> - This term we will be working with shape and colour. This will be centred around a focus on Egyptian paintings and delve deeper into the life and work of famous visual artist Henri Matisse.
<u>Computing</u> - During this half term in computing we will be learning about online safety, touch typing and learning how to send and reply to emails.	<u>Music</u> - History of music, relative to the pieces played in the class. Rock and Roll from the 1950s. Shake, Rattle and Roll, etc. Elvis Presley and America in the 1950s.

<u>Additional important information</u>
Friday 12th January - whole school mass (in school). Tuesday 16th January - reconciliation club starts. Tuesday 23rd January - healthy eating workshop with our school nurse at 1pm. Wednesday 24th January - visit to St Thomas More for bread making workshop. Tuesday 6th February - Year 3 leading Parish Mass at 10am. <u>Homework in Year 3</u> • Children are expected to read 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 each week, please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays each week. • Mental Maths - we are continuing to master the 3x tables, please help your child to practise at home - they know how to do it! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment. Mr Black and Mrs Drew