



# Year 3 News



Advent 1  
Half Term

Dear parents/ guardians,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are glad to be returning to school. Here is an overview of our learning for this half term.

## Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

Number and place value

- Representing and partitioning numbers to 100
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- Find 1, 10, 100 more and less
- Compare and order numbers to 1000

Addition and Subtraction

- Number bonds within 10
- Add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s
- Add and subtract 1s and 10s across 10 and 100
- Add and subtract two numbers (no exchange)
- Add two numbers (across a 10 and 100)

We will be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to focus on mastery of the year 3 curriculum. We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables. We will have weekly arithmetic/mental maths tests to ensure quick recall.

## English

We will be linking our writing to our class novel 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith. We will be writing setting descriptions, newspaper reports and diary entries.

In grammar we will revisit some key year 2 objectives in our 'Ready to Write' unit with a focus on: noun phrases, different types of sentences, commas, apostrophes, and past/ present tense.

Our spelling will focus on the patterns: common homophones, -ly suffix and the year 3/4 words.

## Science

We will look at 'nutrition, muscles and movement'. In this unit, children will:

- Look at types of nutrition
- Types of skeletons
- The name of different bones
- Functions of a skeleton
- How muscles work

## PE

As well as swimming, the children will have the PE coach teaching them a range of invasion games (hockey/ basketball/ netball/ football)

## RE

In RE, we will start with our Domestic Church topic looking at 'family'. We will be looking at how God is present in every home. We will look at key scripture related to this including 'A new commandment - love one another' and 'Be real about loving.'

We will look at God's vision within the home, and the different kinds of homes that we all have. We will also look at the relationship between parents and children and the idea of mutual respect. We will look closely at Jesus' caring family and how Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Our second topic will focus on 'belonging' with a focus on Baptism/Confirmation. We will look at how the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation are a call to a new way of life - God's call.

## PSHE

We will be exploring the theme of 'emotions' and how different emotions make us feel. We will explore happy and sad emotions before focusing on what a 'good' day would look like and how we would know how someone is feeling. We will then explore what a 'bad' day might look like and how we can deal with negative thoughts. Our second topic 'being me' will look at our own and other people's interests before looking at similarities and difference of people from different cultures.

## Geography

Our geography topic will look at Europe. We will look at environmental regions, physical and human features, countries, and major cities. We will then focus on 'Italy', looking at rivers and mountains, land use and trade.

## Art/ D&T

We will be looking at the Pointillist style of artwork to create artwork using dots. We will create our own river scenes. We will also create sketches of hedgehogs linked to our English topic.

## Computing

In our 'Online Safety' unit, we will look at knowing what cyberbullying is and how to address it, how to understand safe websites and how advertisements promote products, how to create strong passwords, how to safely send and receive emails and safe ways to communicate online.

## Music

In music, we will be continuing to learn the recorders, looking at some key vocabulary for notation whilst practicing the notes B, A and G.

## French

Bonjour! In French we will be looking at greetings, how to ask someone's name and how they are, including responses and some basic vocabulary.

**Homework** will be set every Friday and will be due in on or before the following Wednesday. This will be a piece of Maths **and** Literacy or a 'creative' or topic-based piece set in place of the literacy homework.

**Spelling** and **times tables tests** will take place on a Friday. The terms spelling have been sent home with this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us via dojo.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Bastock and Mrs Stradling

Date	Times Table to be tested
8/9	2s in order
15/9	2s out of order
22/9	5s in order
29/9	5s out of order
6/10	5s out of order
13/10	Mix of 2s and 5s
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
27/10	10s in order
3/11	10s out of order
10/11	10s out of order
17/11	No test - teacher day
24/11	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s
1/12	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s
8/12	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s division
14/12	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s division