

Year 3 News



Advent 2 **Half Term** Dear parents/guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half-term. We have a very busy half term as we approach Advent and Christmas and look forward to continuing our learning with our new topics as outlined below.

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

Addition and Subtraction

- Add 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Subtract a 2 digit number from a 3 digit number
- Complements to 1000
- Estimate answers
- Inverse operations

Multiplication and Division

- Consolidate knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times table
- Multiply and divide using 3,4 and 8 times tables and learn these tables

Consolidation

Revisiting key learning including formal methods and word problems.

We continue to practice fluency, problem solving and reasoning in all of our maths lessons. We will also continue to work on our speed tables and arithmetic/ mental maths test to ensure quick recall.

English

We will be linking our writing to our class novel 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs. We will write a narrative, letters, instructions, comic strips and adverts.

In grammar we will be looking at the use of a/an, determiners, conjunctions to express time, place and cause and subordinating conjunctions.

Our spelling will focus on the patterns: adding suffixes with a vowel, 'ure' and the year 3/4 words.

We will continue to read independently, have guided read sessions, and whole class reading sessions to improve our fluency and understanding.

Science

We will look at 'Rocks and soils'. In this unit, children will:

- Look at different types of rock and how they are formed.
- Compare and group rocks
- Describe how fossils are formed
- Recognise that soil is made of rock and organic matter.

We will continue our Baptism and Confirmation theme 'Promises' before exploring our first other world faith for this year 'Judaism'.

Our final topic for advent term is 'Visitors'. We will be exploring how we prepare and plan to make people welcome. We will look at the significance of the 'Jesse Tree', some key stories from the Bible (Isaiah/ St Paul's letters) before learning about the Annunciation, and finally the feelings of those involved in the Nativity.

PSHE

We will begin by looking at the topic 'Bullying' and how our actions can affect others. We will look at similarities and differences and how to recognise bullying in all its forms. We will look at the consequences of bullying and discrimination.

History

Our history will link with our literacy. We will be exploring the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and looking at artefacts and geographic locations to understand how we know about how people lived during these times.

We will be looking at making our very own cave paintings using a combination of paint and drawings, making Ug his very own pair of trousers and designing our very own clay pots.

Computing

In our drawing and desktop publishing unit, we will look at drawing objects using a 'Publisher'. We will be learning how to order and group objects, move, resize and arrange text boxes and images effectively, and use colour and font effectively to create images.

Music

In music, we will be learning how to work as a group to perform songs with a focus on melody, pitch and tempo. We will work on group performances and how to represent a melody using a graphic score.

French

Bonjour! In French we will be focusing on instruments. We will learn about 10 key instruments, the articles to describe them (le, la, les) and how to say 'I play...'

PE

As well as swimming, the children will have the PE coach teaching them on a Thursday. We will learn how to pass and receive balls in different ways, and how to work as a team in various invasion games.

Reminders:

Homework is set every Friday and is 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 already for this half term.

Key Learning sheets for maths, English, history/geography and science are in your child's homework book. Please talk to your child about the information on the sheets and look at them little and often to help them recall what they have learnt.

As always, your support and interest in your child's education will only help to maximise their progress. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us via dojo or on the playground after school. (Mrs Geary Mon-Wed, Mrs Bastock Wed-Fri)

Kind Regards,

Mrs Geary and Mrs Bastock