



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.

Maths

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

Addition and Subtraction

- 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

Our writing begins with 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy. The book explores emotions and will focus on figurative language. We will write a shared poem, diary entry, persuasive poster, letter of explanation and discussion before writing our final piece - a newspaper article.

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.

Science

We will begin the term with our 'Nutrition and Diet' unit. In this unit we will look at:

- The five food groups
- Understanding a balanced diet
- Comparing diets (vegan/ vegetarian/ pescetarian/ omnivorous)
- Animal diets (herbivore/ carnivore/ omnivore)

In our second unit, we will look at 'Rocks'. In this unit we will look at:

- Identifying types of rocks
- Grouping rocks according to properties
- Testing rocks
- A local rock survey.

RE

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. In our difference and diversity topic, we will be looking at equality and how to avoid stereotyping people.

History

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.

Art/ D&T

We will be looking at making our own cave paintings using a combination of paint and drawings and designing and making 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

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. In their 'gym' unit, they will learn balancing, rolling and jumping. Using these skills to develop a sequence of work.

Reminders:

We hope that everyone had a lovely half term break and you are feeling refreshed ready to start this long half-term.

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 for this half term but are also below. Times tables tests are also below.

Key Learning sheets for maths, English, history/geography and science are available on class dojo and also on the school website. Please refer to these for children's learning this half term.

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

1/11	10s in order
8/11	10s out of order
15/11	10s out of order
22/11	No test - teacher day
29/11	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s
6/12	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s
13/12	Mix of 2s, 5s and 10s division
20/12	No test - final day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	

1/11/24 forgetting forgotten forgettable beginning beginner prefer preferred gardening gardener happening	8/11/24 limiting limited limitation admit admitting beginner profiting transmitted/ benefited/ upsetting	15/11/24 measure treasure pleasure enclosure pressure leisure fissure closure exposure composure	22/11/24 creature furniture picture nature adventure moisture gesture structure capture future
29/11/24 consider continue decide describe different difficult disappear early earth eight	6/12/24 eighth enough exercise experience experiment extreme famous favourite February forward	13/12/24 Consolidation of spellings from previous weeks. Test on a variety from all weeks.	20/12/24 No test - final day