

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3:

Autumn 1:

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

A short, parent-friendly overview of the knowledge, skills and experiences children will develop.

Reading

Our reading sessions will help children become fluent, thoughtful readers. We will explore rich vocabulary, investigate the meaning and origins of words, and use discussion to develop a deeper understanding of texts. Children will build their comprehension skills by making predictions, retrieving information and explaining their ideas using evidence from what they have read.

Writing

This half term, children will revisit key writing skills and sentence structures to strengthen their foundation as writers. They will then develop their ability to entertain readers through engaging character descriptions, carefully choosing vocabulary and language techniques to create vivid and interesting writing.

Maths

In maths, children will continue to develop their understanding of place value. They will partition, compare and represent numbers in different ways and extend their knowledge of numbers up to 1,000. Children will use practical equipment and reasoning activities to deepen their understanding and confidence with number.

Science

Our science learning will focus on rocks and fossils. Children will compare and group different types of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. They will also learn about fossils and discover how evidence from the past can become trapped within rock over millions of years.

History

In geography, children will learn about the United Kingdom. They will name and locate counties and major cities, explore the UK's geographical regions and identify key human and physical features. Children will use maps and atlases to develop their geographical knowledge and skills.

Geography

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Art & Design

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Music

In music, children will explore a range of ballads and discover how music can tell stories and communicate meaning. They will continue to develop their understanding of musical notation,

RE / Religion & Worldviews

Through thoughtful discussion and enquiry, children will explore Christian beliefs and practices. They will think like theologians by asking important questions, considering different viewpoints and reflecting on

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rhythm and key musical vocabulary while listening, performing and composing.

how beliefs can influence the lives of individuals and communities

PE

This half term, children will develop their ball skills through a variety of fun and challenging activities. They will practise dribbling, balancing, throwing and catching while improving coordination, control and teamwork.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on health and wellbeing. Children will learn about looking after their bodies and minds, understanding healthy lifestyles and developing strategies to support their emotional wellbeing and personal growth

Computing

This half term, children will learn about computer systems and networks. They will explore how digital devices are connected, understand the role of networks in sharing information, and learn how the internet helps us communicate and access information. Children will also develop their understanding of using technology safely, responsibly and effectively in their everyday lives.

MFL

This half term, children will begin their journey of learning Polish, which will continue throughout Year 3. They will start by learning basic greetings and simple conversational phrases, including how to introduce themselves and respond to everyday questions. Children will develop their confidence in speaking and listening to Polish while exploring new vocabulary and gaining an appreciation of a different language and culture

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

We kindly ask that parents and carers help support their children with their attendance, homework and encouraging them to practice their timetables in preparation for the Multiplication Check next year.