



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 1

Maths

In Maths, we will be beginning with place value, addition and subtraction. We will be looking at numbers up to one thousand. We will compare and order these numbers and identify the value of each digit. Using mental and written methods, the children will learn how to solve a variety of problems. Towards the end of the term, we will be starting to use column addition and subtraction.

English

During this term, we will be looking at some RSHE books which will focus on how we can be successful. We will then read *Tell Me a Dragon* to focus on some descriptive writing. During this half term, we will be focusing our writing lessons on adventure stories and instruction texts. Throughout these units, the children will use a range of conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs of manner and imperative verbs. Punctuation and handwriting will also form a central part of our English teaching this half term. We will also read books together such as *Willy the Wizard* by Anthony Browne, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl and *Diary of the Killer Cat* by Anne Fine.

Science

In Science, we will be finding out about animals and humans. The children will learn about nutrition, diet, functions of the skeleton and how muscles and tendons are used. They will lead their own enquiries into the different functions of the body and compare skeletal structures between animals and humans.

Art

How was prehistoric art created?

During this term, children will discover how cave paintings were created and have the chance to use different materials to make their own. They will learn about what prehistoric people drew pictures of and why these were important for them.

History

The Stone Age

In the Autumn term we will be learning about what life was like in the Stone Age. The children will learn about important places such as Stone Henge and how flint and use of fire changed their lives. We will also visit the site of a stone age settlement called Flag Fen.

PE

Swimming and SAQ

We will be taking part in netball and speed, agility and quickness (SAQ). The children will be working on their skills and improving these each week. The children will also take part in the Daily Mile on a regular basis. Year 3 will also be swimming at Aylestone Leisure Centre every Tuesday morning.

RSHE

How can I build positive relationships with others?

In these units, we will be looking at what makes a good relationship and identifying where we can seek support.

RE

What do holy books say about how people should treat others and live their lives?

We will be learning about the declarations of faith and various religious texts across monotheistic and polytheistic religions. The children will also learn to recognize different sacred texts and how they are used in worship.

Music

Notation

This half term, the children will be reading music notation and using this to play tuned instruments.

Throughout the unit, the children will be given the opportunity to perform in small groups.

Important Information

- PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on both days.
- It is important your child reads **at least** 3 times a week and their reading log must be signed and brought to school on a Friday.
- **Homework** will be handed out every Friday. Please complete the homework each week and upload a picture to Dojo.
- **Swimming** will begin on Tuesday 5th September for the **Dali Class Only**. A letter went home last term regarding this and there is also a notification on Parent Mail. Please see the office if you are unsure. Warhol class will swim from Tuesday 16th January and more information for Warhol class will be sent out at the end of the Autumn term.
- On Wednesday 4th October, Year 3 will be going to a **trip to Flag Fen** as part of our Stone Age unit. A letter will be sent out shortly with more information.