



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.

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 focussing 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.

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.

DT

How can we make toys move using just air?

During DT lessons we will be thinking about how we can make toys move in different ways. We will design and create our own toy based on this question.

Geography

Why would you want to visit Leicester and the East Midlands?

This term we will look at what makes Leicester special? We will discuss why it is an important place in the Midlands and the UK. There will also be time to talk about tourist attractions and our local area of Saffron Lane.

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 Friday 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 recognise 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 Monday and Friday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit.
- 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 Friday 2nd September. A letter regarding this will be sent home during the first week back at school.