



Year 3 - Autumn Term 1 2021

Science

As scientists, we will be exploring what a fair test means and developing our ability to draw conclusions. We will be exploring and comparing different types of rocks and their formation. We will learn about fossil formation and soils.

Computing

We will learn how to stay safe online and know what to do in a difficult situation. We will improve our keyboard skills and how to use presentation applications. The children will be learning about file types, clouds, word processing and creating spreadsheets and presentations.

History

We will learn about why Romans invaded Britain and what their legacy was. We will consider sources of evidence that help historians understand Roman life and develop our chronological skills by learning about BC and AD. We will learn about the travel, exploration and the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England.

Geography

We will be learning to explore the world use atlases, globes, digital mapping to locate countries. We will also be learning about the water and rivers.

Music

As musicians, we will be exploring a variety of musical styles. There will be an opportunity for each class to learn an instrument over the year. We will be learning songs to participate in the 'Lessons and Carols' performance at Christmas.

Art/Design Technology

As artists, we will be learning about our class artists and take inspiration from their techniques. We will experiment with different grades of pencil to draw accurate portraits. We will use different types of brushes including thick and thin to produce shapes, textures, patterns and lines. Use watercolours to produce washes for backgrounds then add detail. In D&T, we will explore a design process and follow the cycle of 'research, design, make and evaluate'.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about new beginnings and how our actions affect others. We will also look at how we can get on better and avoid fall-outs with our friends. We will learn about anti-bullying and the importance of speaking out as well as celebrating differences.

Physical Education

In our indoor P.E we will be improving our fitness related to balance, stamina, agility, strength and coordination.

As part of our outdoor P.E we will develop our understanding of playing hockey.

Religious Education

In R.E this term, we will be exploring Hinduism through Diwali and there will be the opportunity to take part in the parade. We will also look at the church year and the Christmas story; linked with our 'Lessons and Carols' performance.



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Welcome to Year 3!

Future dates for your diaries - Autumn Term 2:

- Saturday 30 October - Diwali Parade in the evening, times to be confirmed approximately 5.00 pm – 7.30pm. This event will need to be confirmed
- The arrangements for our Carol Service will be confirmed at a later date

English

We will begin the term by writing informal letters based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

We will then be writing non-chronological reports inspired by the mythical creatures in the Minpins and developing our story writing skills.

Maths

Our first term will focus on place value so that children have a secure understanding of the number system, before they begin to partition numbers in various ways to add and subtract.

They will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number and compare and order numbers up to 1000. The children will use the CPA approach – 'Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract'.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and is due in on the following Tuesday. This gives children the opportunity to ask any questions on the Friday before the weekend, if they are unsure of the task. The homework will vary depending on the current learning being undertaken in class.

Spellings

The children will have daily spelling lessons, in which a new spelling rule or skill will be taught to them. Alongside these weekly spellings, the children should also be continuing to consolidate their accurate spelling of the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Word list and also be learning to spell Year 3/4 Common Exception Words. Children will be tested once a term.

Times Tables

Children will be given multiplication and division facts to practise each week and these will be tested weekly.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis. Please complete the reading record when you have shared a book with your child. They should read both their library book and school book – plus anything else that they enjoy. The wider the variety, the better! An adult in school will read with your child on a 1:1 basis and reading skills will be taught throughout the week in class.

Uniform and PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has the correct, smart uniform for school and that all parts of it are clearly named. Children should come to school wearing their PE uniform on the days of their PE lessons. Please remember that children need to bring a book bag to school – **backpacks will not be allowed.**



PE Days:

3 Hockney (Mrs Douglas)	-	Tuesday and Wednesday
3 Hudson (Mrs Redden and Miss Gillett)	-	Monday and Wednesday
3 Thomas (Mrs Spina and Miss Stagg)	-	Monday and Wednesday

We have arranged a Roman Workshop day at the end of September. The children will have the opportunity to learn more about life during the Roman era through workshop activities and explore artefacts in school. The cost will be approximately £6 and further information regarding consent and payment will be sent to parents via ParentMail.

Children do not need to bring their own pencil case. Pencils and pens will be provided for their use.

We look forward to an exciting term! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Regards

Mrs Redden, Miss Gillett, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Spina and Miss Stagg

