



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 have made a super start to the year and have produced some fantastic work across all the curriculum areas. We have had a busy first half term and next half term is just as busy. Below is an outline of the learning you can expect your child to be complete over the Autumn term.

English

This term the children began by looking at folktales and developed their own ideas for a folktale using a story plan. They also explored writing biographies. After half term, they will focus on reading fables and will write their own fable including a series of events and using features of that genre. They will also listen to and discuss a range of poems and have the opportunity to write and present their own shape poems.

Guided reading sessions will take place twice a week. The children will have the opportunity to practise reading aloud as well as further develop their comprehension skills. The children may work in groups or as a whole class to develop skills of inference and retrieve key information from texts.

Maths

Lessons in Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme, as implemented by school last year. Year 3 will be focusing on place value (numbers to 1000), addition and subtraction and multiplication and division of the 3's, 4's and 8 times tables. It would be of great benefit for the children to practise these times tables at home as well as at school.

Religious Education (RE)

In the first half term, Year 3 focused on Harvest and what it means to them. This was linked to other World Faiths and they revisited the Jewish Festival of Sukkot, Chinese Harvest and the Yam Festival, developing their knowledge and understanding of harvest around the world. The children have also looked at what it means to be a Prophet, and how they would feel if they were "Called by God".

After the October half term break, we will be answering the question: How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives? In these lessons, Year 3 will explore the arrival of Jesus and how this changed the world. They will also discuss the ways Christians show they believe God is with us.

Science

This half term, the children learnt about 'Light' and how light travels from a source and how it can pass through some materials and not others. They were able to look at how shadows are formed and developed their understanding of this.

After half term, they will be finding out about different types of rocks, where they come from and what they are used for. They will become 'Rock Detectives' and observe and compare rocks, identifying the differences between them by testing them.

Computing

Mr Cross will be teaching Year 3 Computing. This term, the children started by looking at online safety and developing an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour. They were also taught to realise that not all information on the internet is trustworthy. After half term they will learn about coding and experience using a range of different inputs and outputs. The children will continue to follow the Purple Mash scheme which is still accessible from home. Please contact Mr Cross if your child has misplaced their login details.

PE

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday and a Friday throughout the Autumn Term – please make sure they come to school in their PE kits on these days. They began the term with Invasion Games, which focuses on working cooperatively and performing sending and receiving skills with more accuracy. After half term, they will be

moving onto a gymnastics unit where they will be creating sequences of 4-6 actions which should be performed in a smooth controlled manner and include travelling, rolling, balances and jumping.

History

This term the children will be developing their chronological awareness of events that happened during the Stone Age. They will be able to create pictures in the style of cave paintings and will look at different homes from the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic times. They will also be able to find out what people ate and how their diet changed over time.

Geography

Year 3 will be developing their knowledge and understanding of volcanoes and earthquakes this term. They will be locating and naming some of the world's most famous volcanoes. They will be finding out how volcanoes are created and looking at the impact they can have on people's lives.

Art

This term the children will be investigating colour. They will be learning to use colour mixing, both independently and collaboratively, demonstrating control of chosen tools and materials to create a desired effect.

Design and Technology (DT)

Year 3 will be working with rigid and flexible materials throughout the term. They will be designing and creating volcanoes as well as other structures related to topic work. The children should be able to think of their own ideas, work safely with different tools and then explain what went well with their work and what they would improve if they were to complete the project again.

Music

The children have been learning about rhythm and pulse this half term. They have been listening to a variety of musical genres and been trying to detect the pulse (steady beat) and the rhythm of the music. After half term, our music lessons will focus on pitch and melody. With this in mind, we will also be learning a French song 'Etoile de Noel' which we hope to share with you.

PSHE

Year 3 will continue to follow the Heartsmart scheme of work this year. We began with 'Get Heartsmart' (learning about being kind to ourselves and others). After half term, we will be moving onto 'Don't Forget to Let Love In'. We will also be addressing these themes in our whole school and class worship.

Kind regards,

Miss Garner

Key Dates

Harvest Festival in church – 2nd October

Parent Consultations – Monday 16th October and Thursday 19th October

Finish for half term – Friday 20th October

School reopens – Wednesday 1st November

School Disco – Friday 17th November

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Monday 11th December (1:30pm in church)

Nativity Performance – Tuesday 5th December and Thursday 7th December (both at 1:30pm in church)

Finish for Christmas – Friday 22nd December (2:00pm)