



Autumn 2017

YEAR 3

NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

We will be looking at Place Value to 3 digits and our ability to represent numbers in a variety of different ways. All children will be encouraged to make use of physical resources to embed their understanding. We will also revisit addition and subtraction and develop the use of column methods.

On a Wednesday the focus will be on Measurement including accurate use of rulers, scales and other equipment. Opportunities to practise these skills at home in practical situations will be invaluable.

Please also keep practising times tables to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division.

English

Our focus for the start of term will be on writing stories in familiar settings and looking at familiar stories from an alternative point of view.

We will also write recounts based on our trip to Celtic Harmony (Stone Age Camp) and putting ourselves in the position of a stone-age boy to write about our life.

To support your child at home you could share different types of books and discuss the characters' feelings, problems and actions by asking questions- How does this character feel? How do you know? What might happen next?

Science

We are starting this term by looking at animals and humans; looking at food groups and the basic biology of the skeleton and muscles. We will be establishing what healthy bodies need in terms of food and exercise.

In the second part of the term our topic will be Light and Shadows. We will be investigating sources of light, how it reflects and refracts and what happens in the absence of light.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

Computing

E-safety will be the focus for the start of our new term. Children will revise what it means to be 'safe' online and how to be critical of the information that they find.

In our topic 'We are programmers and bug fixers' we will be learning about how to create programmes using basic algorithms and how to analyse and find solutions to problems with programmes.

To find out more about staying safe online look at Hector's world. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Music & French

The children will explore descriptive sounds and rhythmic patterns through various ways including songs, games and percussion instruments. They will also learn different musical terminology.

Within French sessions the children will learn words, songs and actions to develop their understanding of basic French vocabulary.

RE & PSHE

In the Autumn Term, the children will be focusing on Creation: considering the wonder of the world God has created and asking questions about why the creation story is important to Christians. We will also learn more about the Trinity.

During PSHE lessons we will look at healthy lifestyles including physical, mental and emotional health.

Geography

This half-term we will be studying the different continents, oceans and countries of the world and identifying the different physical and human geographical features.

History

After half-term we will be studying British History starting with the Stone-Age into the Iron Age. We will look at key dates, events and what it was like for people to live during this time. This will be a good preparation for studying the Romans in the Spring Term.

Art

In art we will be linking with our themes of Creation and Stone Age and trying our hand at sketching and shading objects and life in the world around us.