

YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 3!

A brand-new year, a brand-new adventure! 

We are delighted to welcome our Year 3 children into Key Stage 2. We have lots of exciting learning, challenges and experiences planned for the Autumn Term, and we can't wait to see the children grow in confidence, independence and curiosity.

Take a look at what we will be learning this term...

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

MATHS

Building brilliant mathematicians!

We are developing our understanding and skills in:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Reasoning and problem solving
- Mathematical fluency

We will be working hard to explain our mathematical thinking and choose the best strategies to solve problems.

ENGLISH

Words, words, words!

This term we are starting an exciting new English scheme of work, with a strong focus on developing accuracy in our English.

We will be exploring:

-  Common and irregular verbs
-  Collective nouns
-  Partitive nouns
-  Grammar and punctuation
-  Vocabulary and sentence construction

...and much, much more!

Our aim is to help every child become a confident and accurate writer.

SCIENCE

Animals Including Humans

Get ready to become body experts!

We will be learning about the human skeleton and discovering how our bones support and protect our bodies.

We will also investigate muscles and find out how our muscles and skeleton work together to help us move.

 Did you know?

Your skeleton provides the framework that supports your body — and your muscles work with your bones to help you move!

HANDWRITING

Writing with confidence

We are continuing to follow our school handwriting scheme and will be supporting children to develop:

- Clear and consistent letter formation
- Joined and fluent handwriting
- Pencil control
- Fine motor skills

Small improvements can make a big difference! ✨

HISTORY

The Stone Age

We're travelling way back in time this term!

Our History learning will focus on the Stone Age, including exploring how people lived and how their lives changed over time.

A particular focus will be comparing the:

 Palaeolithic Period

and

 Mesolithic Period

We will investigate how people lived, what they ate, how they travelled and how their way of life developed.

GEOGRAPHY

Our Wonderful World

Our Geography focus this term is climate.

We will be exploring the different climate zones of the Earth and finding out why countries around the world experience different climates.

We will think about:

-  Hot climates
-  Wet climates
-  Cold climates
-  Where different climate zones are found
-  How climate affects people's lives

ART

Line, Tone & Illustration

Let's get creative! 

We will be having lots of fun exploring line and tone and discovering how artists can use these techniques to create different effects.

We will also be looking closely at the work of the wonderful illustrator Quentin Blake.

 Keep an eye out for our fantastic artwork!

RSHE

Understanding Our Emotions

This term we are learning about the Zones of Regulation.

We will explore how we recognise different emotions and, importantly, what we can do when we experience big emotions.

We will learn strategies to help us regulate our emotions and make positive choices.

 HOME CONNECTION

Why not ask your child:

“Which Zone are you in today?”

You might be surprised by what they tell you! 

SPANISH

¡Hola!

As the children are now in Key Stage 2, we are excited to begin our Spanish journey!

So far, we have been learning:



Greetings



The months of the year



Simple Spanish vocabulary and phrases

We are looking forward to building our Spanish vocabulary throughout the year.



RE

Who Is God?

This term we are exploring the big question:

“Who is God?”

We will investigate what different religions believe about God and explore the similarities and differences between different faiths.



Something we have already discovered...

Not all religions are monotheistic!

We are looking forward to finding out much more.



COMPUTING

Staying Safe Online

Technology is a huge part of our lives, so this term we are focusing on E-Safety.

We will learn how to stay safe when:

-  Gaming online
-  Talking to others online
-  Using different devices
-  Exploring the internet

We will think carefully about who we can trust online and why we should think before we act.

 STOP • THINK • CHECK!

Remember: not everyone online is truthful about who they are.

PE

Let's Get Moving!

We will begin our PE learning with Gymnastics.

We will be exploring different ways of:

-  Travelling
-  Moving
-  Balancing
-  Controlling our bodies
-  Performing movements confidently

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Every Monday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays.

OUR CLASS STORY

The Ice Palace

Our class story this half term is:

The Ice Palace

by Robert Swindells

We are very excited to explore this fantastic story together.

It also links beautifully with our History topic, giving us the opportunity to make connections between our reading and our learning about the past.

 We wonder where our story will take us...

EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING!

There is lots to look forward to this term!

Keep your eyes peeled for information about:

 Harvest

 Trust Book Week

 Anti-Bullying Week

 And lots more!

 WATCH THIS SPACE!

We will share more information about upcoming events as the term progresses.

HOME LEARNING

A little practice goes a long way!

Homework will be a little different this year.

Every few weeks, children will bring home a piece of homework that they should be able to complete independently.

However, there are some activities we would like children to practise every week.

 READ

Please read with your child every week and upload a post to Dojo via the Portfolio.

 A video showing you how to do this is available on Dojo.

 TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Regular times table practice will help children develop their confidence and fluency with multiplication and division facts.

 NUMBOTS

Children should also practise regularly on Numbots to develop their number skills and fluency.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Keeping Our Children Safe

If your child requires medication in school, this must be arranged through the school office.

Please also keep us informed of any changes to your child's medical needs.

This helps us to provide the best possible care for every child and keep everyone safe. 🧡

HAVE A QUESTION?

We are always happy to help!

If you have any worries, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact:

 Miss Tidball

 Mrs Smith

You can message us through Dojo, and we will always do our very best to help.

HERE'S TO A FANTASTIC TERM!

We are so excited about everything Year 3 will be learning and experiencing this Autumn.

From travelling back to the Stone Age, exploring the human skeleton, becoming more confident mathematicians, discovering Spanish, creating wonderful artwork and learning how to keep ourselves safe online — there is so much to look forward to!

🌟 Let's make it a brilliant Year 3! 🌟