



Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 3 This half term our value is 'COMMUNITY'. During Collective Worship and class activities we shall explore the important role we all play in our school and local communities. We will be considering the different ways in which we can lovingly contribute to them. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'.

English

This term, the children will explore "Leon and the Place Between" by Angela McAllister, a beautifully illustrated book about magic. They will work on writing projects using powerful adjectives and expanded noun phrases. The second book, "The First Drawing" by Mordicai Gerstein, ties into their History topic on the Stone Age. Throughout the year, children will focus on understanding grammatical terms like nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Please encourage nightly reading to cultivate a love for books, and record their progress in the yellow reading diaries, which should be kept in their school bags for class.

Maths

This term, we will concentrate on place value, integrating Year 2 and Year 3 objectives, a fundamental skill that enhances understanding in other numerical areas. We'll also focus on mentally adding and subtracting numbers up to 200, using the inverse to verify answers. Throughout the year, children will review their 2, 5, and 10 times tables and begin learning the 3, 4, and 8 times tables. Practicing these at home is encouraged. Additionally, we'll emphasize applying mathematical knowledge through word problems and real-life scenarios, enabling children to explain and validate their solutions.

Science, Computing, Design and Technology

In the first half term, our Science topic is "Forces and Magnets," where children will explore how objects move on different surfaces, understand contact forces, and observe magnetic attraction and repulsion. This ties into our Design and Technology project, as students will create a simple game using magnets, which will be part of their end-of-term experiments. In Computing, they'll learn to effectively use search engines.

History

This term, our History topic is The Stone Age. During this topic, the children will be learning about the way both humans and animals lived during this era. We will be focusing on using our inference skills during these sessions to determine the use of everyday objects from this period.

Homework

Homework can be found on the school website. It will be set each Friday. Spellings will be set on Purple Mash and tested the following Friday. Maths homework will be introduced after a couple of weeks and will either be on Purple Mash or My Maths, which self mark. Please also include practising times tables on TT Rockstars.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on Wednesday afternoon. The children will be taught by Mrs Cole.

Geography

Our topics in Geography this year are based on key geographical skills and aim to develop the children's ability to use these effectively during their learning. This term, our topic will be 'Where does our lunch come from'. As part of this, the children will be exploring fair trade and where food is sourced from. We will also look at how it is transported from its country of origin to our plates.

Please adhere to the school's **uniform** policy which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning. Please ensure all clothing is named.

Wellbeing

This year's Wellbeing curriculum includes PE, PSHE, British Values, Philosophy for Children (P4C), and anti-bullying sessions. PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons, so please ensure your child wears the appropriate kit: navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts, and trainers (no plimsolls). If your child cannot participate due to illness or injury, please provide a note. In our Wellbeing+ lessons, students will study birds and hedgehogs on the school grounds, researching their diets and habitats, and recording sightings. We'll also focus on creating a welcoming environment for hedgehogs to hibernate over winter.

Arts

In Art the children will develop their drawing and painting skills. They will create a colour wheel to help them express different moods. We will be learning about Wassily Kandinsky and his work, 'Concentric Circles'. Music this term will be focused on hearing and recognizing the tone and tempo of a song. The children will be listening to a range of genres. In French, the children will learn to greet each other and count to 12.

Religious Education

This half term, the children will be learning about Christianity and learning about the importance and nature of the Bible.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to arrange a phone call with me, meet at the gate at the end of the day, or email the school office. I'm always happy to hear from you and answer any queries. I look forward to getting to know your children.

Please keep an eye on the school website, homework newsletters or emails for key dates coming up.

Mrs Newman