

Autumn Term Year Three Newsletter

Meet the Team

Teachers

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3DP

Mrs N Chapman
3NC

Support Staff

Miss S Dawson
Miss H Hammond
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Mrs AM Parish

Key Dates

w/c 12th September
Swimming in the pool starts

19th September
Teacher led clubs start

5th October
Harvest Festival

12th October
Prehistoric Park show and
workshop

1st and 2nd November
Parents evening

Individual school photos
2nd and 3rd November

12th December
Y3/4 Christmas Production

16th December
Last Day of Term

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. Your children have made a positive start to the year and we are looking forward to a successful year together. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's new teachers at the parents' evenings next month but if any issues arise in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an appointment.

Subject Overviews

English: Throughout the first half of this term the children will be using the 'Stone Age Boy' adventure story as a basis for their writing. They will learn about different events in the story, characters, effective sentence structures and rich vocabulary. The children will use this model text to create their own adventure story. The children will also use 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' book as a stimulus for their writing later in the term. Also, we will be continuing to develop reading comprehension skills as well as their handwriting and spelling.

Maths: Throughout the autumn term, our focus in Maths will be on Number. This half term we will start by carrying out work on place value before moving on to addition and subtraction (where we will be working on both mental and formal written methods). After the half term holiday, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. In each area that we cover in Maths, the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science: During the first half term, the children will be learning about Forces and Magnets. They will build on their existing knowledge of forces, including gravity and friction, and will carry out practical investigations to deepen their level of understanding. They will also be learning about magnetism and investigating whether magnets work through different materials. In the second half term, as part of our 'Animals, including humans' unit of work, the children will be learning about the diets of both animals and humans. They will also learn about the functions of the skeleton and how our joints and muscles help us to move.

Humanities: This half term in History, the children will be learning about the people who lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will learn about how life changed throughout these periods in time and focusing on their homes, the tools that they used and the lifestyles that they led. After half term, in Geography, the children will be developing their map skills. They will be locating the different continents, countries, oceans and major cities and researching which countries the food that they eat comes from. Next half term, the children will also be studying Jesus in their Religious Education lessons, and learning about why he is such an inspirational leader to some people.

Homework

Weekly TTRockstars

Your child will have a log in for this and we would like to see them using this daily if possible. This helps with their recall and speed of answering times table related questions.

Weekly Reading

(Reading records will be collected in every Friday).

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their records. We are encouraging the children to read daily-either independently or with an adult. We are encouraging the children to enter their thoughts about what they have read rather than just recording the pages read.

Spelling Logs

The spelling logbooks will be coming home soon on a Friday. We ask that they are back on school each Monday as the children will be using them in lessons throughout the week.

Key Information

Water Bottles and Snack: Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day and a small, healthy snack for playtime if required.

PE Kits: Please send PE kits into school on a Monday. They will come home with the children on a Friday to be washed for the following week. Long hair should be tied back for PE and earrings must be removed.

Our Golden Rules

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe

Computing: In computing we will be looking at computer systems and networks. This will involve thinking about digital devices and how they connect a user to others via the internet. We will be getting a taster of stop frame animation, how to understand and build branching databases and be making a start on some early experiences of programming.

Art: In Art, the children will be exploring artwork created by the very first artists. In their sketchbooks, they will use paint, pastel and charcoal to recreate the cave paintings found in the Lascaux caves.

Health & Wellbeing: This term there will be a focus on Living in the Wider World. We shall begin with learning about rules, rights and responsibilities. The children will also be learning about having a growth mindset and developing resilience.

PE: The children in 3DP will be doing PE on a Monday and 3NC will be doing PE on a Thursday. The whole year group will be going swimming on a Tuesday. The children's PE lessons for the first half term will include various skills for tag rugby.

Whenever possible, PE lessons will take place outside so it is essential that the children always have their full indoor and outdoor PE kits in school.

French: In French this term, we will be learning how to greet people in French, how to tell them our name and to ask them what their name is. We will also practise counting, using games like Bingo to make this a fun activity. We will then move on to learning how to say what age we are, introducing the use of the verb "avoir" (to have) rather than "être" (to be). After half term, we will learn a range of colours and animals with the intention of then combining these. We will continue to add to our counting, building this up as the term goes on. We will also learn how Christmas is celebrated in France. In order to consolidate learning, each week there will be the opportunity to recap on the previous week's learning.

Music: In Music, the children will begin to learn staff notation, compose lyrics and improvise vocal riffs. They will be singing new and familiar songs in preparation for Harvest and Christmas.