



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year three

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3! I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing summer holiday. I am really excited about the new school year which lies ahead and am looking forward to working with year 3 and seeing how much they have grown and will continue to grow and develop throughout the year which lies ahead.

Over the next half term, Year 3 will be focusing on exciting topics called Amazing Bodies along with the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. Each year group will also be focusing on an inspirational person and year 3 will be concentrating on Emmeline Pankhurst, who was a British political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement, who helped women win the right to vote.

In literacy we will begin the term with a Roald Dahl unit. We will take a look at one of the world's most popular children's authors and the stories he has produced, focusing more closely on the well-loved Georges Marvellous Medicine. We will be taking a look into the language Roald Dahl uses in his stories to bring the characters and stories to life.

Towards the end of this half term we will move on to a unit of Non-chronological reports linking to our topic the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

In maths the children will start the year by using multiples of 5 and 10 bonds to 100 to solve additions and subtractions and adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers. They will then compare and order 2- and 3- digit numbers; count on and back in 10s and 1s; add and subtract 2-digit numbers and solve problems using place value. The children will be comparing, ordering and understanding place value of 2- and 3-digit numbers; subtracting from 2- and 3-digit numbers; using prediction to estimate calculations. Then moving onto knowing and understanding the calendar, including days, weeks, months, years; tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue and digital clocks and then move on to knowing the properties of 3D shapes. They will also know multiplication and division facts for the 5, 10, 2, 4 and 3 times-tables.

Our **science** topic is the Amazing body. We will be focusing on this topic for the first 3 weeks and answering the following questions:

- What do we need to survive?
- What do we need to eat to stay healthy?
- Why do we have a skeleton?
- How do muscles help us move?
- Do our bodies affect how well we can do things?
- How good are we at different activities?

Our **History and international** topics are the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be researching why the Stone Age is called the Stone Age. We will then move on to what life was like during the early and middle stone ages and what family life was like. After the Stone Age we will look at the Bronze and Iron Age, thinking about what difference did the Bronze Age make and was home life better in the iron age or the stone age.

In Art and Design we will be focusing on collage and painting Stone Age cave art linked to our topic.

In PE we will: be continuing our coached sessions with a focus on invasion sports such as Tag Rugby. Our PE sessions will take place on a Monday and Friday, however some changes may occur, so please ensure children have a suitable PE kit in school every day.

In RE the children will be thinking about creation stories. We will build upon what we have learnt about Christian understandings of God, the world and biblical stories.

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In Music we will start by exploring beat and to exploring different percussion instruments.

In computing we will focus on E-safety, digital literacy and creative IT.

Church services: If any parents or carers are able to come and support us at our Wednesday morning church worships, your help would be much appreciated.

Tissues: We get through many boxes of tissues each term. Please provide 1 box of tissues for the autumn term.

Home learning for this term is as follows:

- Reading books; each child will be given home reading books every week. The children will be given a reading book change over day. It is helpful if you ask your child questions about the book as they read, to ensure they understand the texts. Please note, when reading books have been finished please make a note and sign the reading records to ensure the books are changed.
- Home-Learning books will be sent home on Thursdays and are to be handed in by the following Tuesday.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions.

Thanks you!
Miss Arlow

Year 3 class teacher

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Date: