

Year 3 Learning - Autumn 1 2023

English:

We are reading...



We will be completing some extended pieces of writing based on these texts. We will begin to write in paragraphs, using expanded noun phrases, adverbial phrases, prepositions and conjunctions to make our writing more interesting. Our spelling tests take place every Tuesday based on the spellings that were sent home.

Maths:

We are learning about the place value of numbers to 1,000 including counting in hundreds and fifties. We will then be learning how to add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using a variety of methods. Education City and BBC bitesize have a variety of activities to support your children with their maths at home. The children will be completing a times table test every Thursday afternoon. Practising their times table facts at home on TT Rockstars will support them in this.



History

We are learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, focusing on how life changed in early Britain. There are many educational clips online and BBC bitesize provides lots of information which will support children in retaining their learning. There are also prehistoric artefacts in local museums such as the Potteries Museum. They have already enjoyed taking part in a Stone Age Day with a an 'experimental archaeologist'. This involved learning how to hunt, exploring artefacts with an archaeological dig, cave painting and archery! Please ask the children about what they learnt from this day.

Geography

The children will be learning about the UK. This will involve identifying the difference between the UK, Great Britain and the British Isles. They should also be able to name counties and cities in England and notice similarities and differences between places in the UK.



Science

Our topic is 'Rocks, Soils and Fossils'. We will learn about different types of rocks, how they are formed and what they are used for. BBC bitesize has lots of resources to support children with this. They could also spend time looking a little bit closer at the things they find outdoors.



PE

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Our topics this half term are Mindfulness and Dance. Children will need black shorts or jogging bottoms and either a white t-shirt or their team colour. Please ensure any earrings are removed and long hair is tied up.

Music

We will be having violin lessons with Mr Partridge every Monday afternoon. Some children have started their keyboard lessons with Mr Watts which will take place every Wednesday.

Curriculum

French: Greetings and numbers 1-10.

Computing: Digital devices, how devices can be connected to make networks.

PSHE: Know what I am good at and understand why rules are important.

RE: Rules followed by different religions.

Art: Andy Goldsworthy and Henry Moore (sculptures).

Key dates:

Parents evening: Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October (book fayre)

Break up for half-term: Friday 27th October

Return to school: Tuesday 7th November

Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 6th December (3pm - 5pm)

Christmas play - Wednesday 18th December (am)

Christmas party - Friday 22nd December

Break up - Friday 22nd December

Homework

Please make sure your child is reading at home on a daily basis. We expect at least 3 reads a week in their reading record. Spellings and times tables should also be practised on a regular basis.

Project: Early Britain settlement - Due: 25th October 2023

Children should create a model of a settlement either from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. This should be no larger than the size of a cereal box. A separate letter will be sent to provide more details.