

What's happening in Class 3 - Autumn Term 2 2021

Welcome back! This half term we will be learning:

English: As writers, we will be investigating fables and exploring the different morals they convey. We will read and compare how authors have retold the same story but in slightly different ways using exciting vocabulary to bring the fable alive, before writing our own fables. We will read a variety of plays, exploring features of a play before performing and writing our own. In poetry we will explore limericks and have fun sharing limericks we have read and written.



Maths: As mathematicians, the Year 2s will be securing their fluency with solving addition and subtraction problems mentally, as well as developing their understanding of money and measures. We will learn different strategies to help us discover the answers, and when best to use each one. Year 3s will be focusing on formal subtraction and problem solving before then developing their understanding of statistics. They will then cover units on lines, angles, shape and perimeter.

Science: As Scientists, we will be identifying the materials everyday objects are made from and describing their different properties. We will perform investigations to discover the properties of various rock types ensuring that we carry out fair testing. We will classify these in different ways using appropriate scientific vocabulary. We will discover how these rocks can be useful and how soil and rock types vary across the landscape. We will also investigate how fossils are formed.

Art: We will look at cave paintings and the colours they used. We will learn how to mix colours and explore different moods they create. We will experiment with how tools can be used to create different effects. We will improve our brush techniques to create washes and detail, producing our own cave paintings.

Design Technology: We will look at how people have invented new things, refining and improving designs to develop a better product e.g. weapons, prototypes of settlements. We will use our design & making skills to use materials to construct a class Iron Age village and replica jewellery. We will choose materials based on their properties and find out the best way of joining them. When making we will measure, mark out accurately, cut and shape then join materials.

Computing: We will be learning how to be safe online. We will be investigating the impact that we leave online, looking at our digital footprints, and looking at what makes a website appropriate for our age.

French: This half term we will be learning the words for colours and shapes and making sure we know our numbers to 20 confidently, by practising writing and the pronunciation of new vocabulary.

History: We will use historical sources, ask questions and research to find out about how life in Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will research and find out how we find out about life in the past when we have no written sources e.g. how people changed from roaming hunter gathers to settled farming communities. We will look at how weapons changed and how clothing and jewellery developed. We will create a class timeline and begin

to place important dates along it. We will communicate our findings in a variety of ways ensuring we use historical vocabulary.

Music: As Musicians we be performing a range of poetry using our voices, body parts and instruments to enhance our performance. We will also be learning a range of songs and pieces to perform to you.

PSHE: We will learn how to keep ourselves and others safe in different situations as well as actions we can take / people we can speak to if we feel worried or unsafe.

PE: We will learn throwing, catching, tagging and dodging skills ready for a Tag Rugby Festival. In gymnastics, we will be learning how to perform different jumps, squat on a vault and do forward rolls safely in gymnastics. We will also be taking part in a Cheerleading Festival where we will learn to perform and link a range of movements to create a routine.

Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school at all times, including plimsolls or trainers. Although P.E is timetabled on set days (Monday and Thursday), sometimes this needs to change to accommodate the weather etc.

RE: We will continue learning about how God used special people to write down His messages in the Bible. We will practice finding different books, chapters and verses to research and find out what the Bible tells us about God. We will then explore different Bible stories about thankfulness and how one man's gratitude overflowed, whilst others, although grateful, didn't express their appreciation. We will learn to express our thankfulness to God and others in as many ways as possible.

Home Learning

Reading: Please encourage your child to read at home each night. Please discuss and ask questions about the illustrations and book to enable comprehension and enjoyment. Also, please check and explain the meaning of unfamiliar words to develop their vocabulary.

We would prefer children who are now reading longer books to read part of the book fluently and with expression, before then spending time discussing what they have read to develop their understanding and comprehension skills, rather than just reading the whole book in one go.

Spelling: Each Friday the children will be given a list of spellings to learn. The children will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday.

Maths: Please continue to learn addition and subtraction facts to 20 so children can recall these rapidly, as this will aid their ability to solve calculations more easily.

Year 2s should also be learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and Year 3s should ensure they can rapidly recall the multiplication and related division facts for these, as well as learning their 3 and 4 times tables.

Other homework: Other homework will also be given related to what is being learnt in class to consolidate learning and will be given out when appropriate.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

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