



Year 3 Autumn Term



Welcome back after the Summer break.

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. This year we are continuing with our exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. PSHEe, R.E and Science.



Maths We will be introducing 'Maths Mastery' this year to Year 3. Mastering maths means pupils of all ages acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject. Children will have a daily maths lesson that reinforces learning and allows children to take on new skills and apply these in a range of contexts. Once a week, children will have an arithmetic session, focusing on the 4 operations. The daily maths lesson is structured to include mental skills, teaching points, independent learning and reflection time. Children work individually, in pairs and as a group to solve calculations and problems. This term we will be focusing on adding and subtracting across 10 and numbers to 1,000.



English Children will **read** regularly, and need their book in school every day please. A range of fiction and non-fiction texts will be explored in class. Throughout the year, children who are ready will move onto KS2 books with journal tasks.

In **writing**, the children will be concentrating on writing sentences using a range of punctuation accurately. Children will be encouraged to use correct grammatical vocabulary and to recognise a range of different sentence types. They will also be taught how to identify and use, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions and use them effectively in their writing. We have wonderful texts ready to lead their sessions, many which link to our thematic work this term. We will start by writing setting descriptions. Children will have **spellings** to learn on a weekly basis – please continue to help them practise at home – these will be tested each week in school.

PSHE This term will be focusing on 'Relationships' and we will be learning about different types of families.

Science

As Scientists, the children will be learning about magnets, their poles and which materials are attracted to a magnet. Then we will be moving on to find out about 'Rocks and Soils', including comparing and grouping different types of rock.



'Thematic Topic

In the Autumn Term, our first thematic topic is 'That's All Folks' which is a unit based around the history and development of animation and cartoons. We start by learning about the beginnings of animation, looking at zoetropes and flip books, before moving on to the dawn of the Disney age. Then, the process of animation is explored further, with an opportunity to exchange design ideas and create our own animated films.

We then move onto the topic of 'Rocky the Findosaur': "Rocky the Findosaur" is a thematic unit based around rocks and fossils, with a key focus on science. We will learn about different types of rocks, with the help of original animated dinosaur character, Rocky. This theme also takes in solids, liquids and gases through focusing on Mount Vesuvius, which is where Rocky spends his time exploring

At the end of the term, our last topic will be 'The Lindow Man' which will have a history focus, telling the story of prehistoric Britain, from the Stone Age to the Celts.

As **Musicians**, children will be taught musical terms such as tempo, pulse and beat.



Art, Design and Technology will be taught within each of these units.

Religious Education

The children will be learning about Christianity. They will explore artefacts and listen to some stories from the Bible.

P.E. This term there will be a focus on games. Children will be learning how to throw and catch using different apparatus.

An exciting term ahead – we are very much looking forward to our new learning together! 😊