3A and 3L – Autumn 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year 3! We are very much looking forward to teaching your child this year and hope you were able to find some time to relax and enjoy the sunshine over the Summer.

The following is an overview of our learning this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our timetable for further detail.

Our big question this term is **'Does the past help us to understand who we are?'** We will be making links to this throughout our teaching when appropriate, so do feel free to make links to this at home too!

In **English**, we will focus on two books. *Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age* by Raymond Briggs and *Hansel and Gretel* by Anthony Browne. We will be writing instructions, creating persuasive adverts and writing an alternative version of Hansel and Gretel from another perspective.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. We will visit the school library weekly where your child will have the opportunity to swap their library book each week. Both Year 3 classes library slot will be on a **Monday** afternoon.

Please note that milk and fruit are not supplied in Key Stage 2, therefore your child may bring in a healthy snack to eat during morning playtime, such as a piece of fruit, as well as their own labelled water bottle. Remember we are a nut free school therefore any products containing nuts or chocolate are not allowed.

Our **History** topic focuses on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We will be exploring how we can use evidence to learn about the past and considering some of the ways in which the past has been represented.

Our **Maths** focus this half term will be **Number and Place Value** and **Addition and Subtraction**. We will be working with numbers to 1000, counting in 1s, 10s, 50s and 100s. We'll be comparing numbers and objects within 1000 and ordering numbers. We will be adding and subtracting 3-digit and 1-digit numbers as well as 3digit and 2digit numbers. Please continue to support your child by practising their time-telling skills and times tables. In Year 3 children will be using their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

In **Science**, our topic will be Light. We will be exploring light and dark, understanding reflection and recognising shadows.

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In **Music** we will be studying ballads, focusing on their storytelling aspects and musical structure. We will develop our singing skills, paying attention to pitch and melody, which are crucial elements in ballad performance. We will also start to learn to play the Recorder on **Tuesday** afternoons.

Our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: 'What is the Bible's big story?' Our lessons will help us to explore the key concepts of Creation and Fall, the People of God, Incarnation, the Gospel, Salvation and the Kingdom of God.

In **Computing** we will be learning about how digital devices function. We will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software as well revisiting the importance of using technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Please note, **P.E.** is on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – navy bottoms with a white T-shirt/polo shirt and black trainers.

As part of our physical education curriculum, children will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons. We are looking forward to offering this exciting experience, and further details, including the dates and arrangements, will be confirmed at a later date.

Our **Art** lessons will focus on cave drawings. We will be using chalk and charcoal to sketch in the style of drawings discovered in caves.

Our **PSHE** lessons will focus on 'being me in my world'. We will discuss how to create a positive learning environment, how to be responsible learners and we will also develop our own class charter.

In **French** we will be learning greetings, colours and how to share our name, age and the city we live in.

Homework will be distributed with new spellings to learn each week. Spellings are tested on **Friday.** Please read the homework carefully to find details of this half-term's project about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. There are extra optional Maths and English homework available online on Teams. Homework will be given on **Wednesdays** and will be due on Monday.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further with a member of the Team, we will available each day after dismissing the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Mahjabeen Alam and Mrs Laura Leuzzi

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