



Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



English

In English, we are exploring the magical world that is central to the story 'Leon and the Place Between'. We are looking forward to delving into the children's imaginations and unlocking their descriptive language. We will be concentrating on the use of adjectives; adverbs; similes and metaphors. The children will also focus on the key structural features of writing, including: paragraphs, dialogue and punctuation for pause and effect.



In guided reading, we will be studying 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl - the children will be inferring, predicting and analysing language used. We will also focus on non-fiction texts, for example, newspaper reports in order to familiarise children with different mediums of communication.

Mathematics

Place Value



Tens	Ones
8	6
eighty-six	

Hundreds	Tens	Ones
3	8	6
three hundred eighty-six		

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
1	3	8	6
one thousand three hundred eighty-six			

In maths, we will be revising place value and identifying and ordering numbers up to 1000. Year 3 students will be using physical manipulatives to support their learning and use their knowledge in practical situations. They will also focus on adding and subtracting numbers mentally and with a written method. We will begin by adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers, progressing on to 3-digit numbers.

Times tables will be a focus this year, particularly given the recently introduced assessment in Year 4. Each week, the children will practise and be tested on their allocated times tables, starting with x2, x5 and x10. Progress will depend on successful retention of this information. Times Tables Rockstars will also be used to support this.

Science

In science, we will be studying different types of rocks, their formation as well as their use in everyday life. We will begin our exploration by looking at how we can group and categorise different types of rocks depending on their features. We will then look at how fossils are formed focusing on the wonderful work of Mary Anning. The children will be creating their own clay models of her discoveries.



In Autumn 2's science lessons, we will be assessing the magnetic properties of different materials, in addition to increasing our awareness of forces. The children will partake in experiments designed to explore the effects of friction on moving objects for example.

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History / Geography

In Autumn 1, we will be learning about the revolutionary Romans! We are excited to learn about their impact on the construction of Europe and Britain especially. We will study their invasions and some of their notorious leaders like Julius Caesar. In Autumn 2, the children will be identifying the physical and human characteristics of the UK in our geography lessons. We will focus on: rivers and seas; hills and mountains; the growth of the city of London; and the positive impact of immigration on the United Kingdom.

Computing

In computing, the children will be planning, filming and editing interviews. They will explore the different roles associated with such a production: interviewer, interviewee and camera operator. These will be shared with the rest of their classmates.

Physical Education

Our PE topics in Autumn 1 will be Gymnastics and Hockey.



In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on Dance and Netball. Teamwork and communication are at the heart of all sports and shall therefore be focused upon also.

Art and Design



The children will study art in motion in Autumn 1. We look forward to their creative expression.

They will perform an action of their choosing, such as a cartwheel, subsequently replicating it in drawn form.

Design and Technology

This term, we will be designing and making monstrous machines. The children will plan, produce and evaluate their constructions. Pneumatics will be used to move the mouth of their creature.



Religious Education

Religious and moral stories from different faiths will be our focus in RE.

We will look at some religious stories and understand why these are an integral part of religious belief systems.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at mental health. We will explore what this means as well as ways of looking after it.



Languages – French

The children will start learning French in Autumn 2. They will have an introduction to dialogue and then look at numbers later in the half term.



Key Dates

- Parent Consultations – 13th & 14th October
- INSET Day – 1st October
- School Photos – 11th October
- Occasional Day – 26th November
- St Albans Cathedral Visit (History - Romans) - TBC