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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



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Autumn 2 - 2023

Key events:

23rd November - 3AF Class Assembly

1st December – Winns Christmas Fair

13th December – Year 3 Christmas Concert

Geography

Villages, Towns and Cities

In this unit the children will study human settlements. They will look at the key differences between the ways in which humans are dispersed around our planet, the towns, cities and villages in which we live. The children will also look at the reasons behind the different types of settlement and the advantages and disadvantages of living there.

Introduction

Dear parents and carers,
We hope you've had an enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the festive Autumn 2! We've got performances and decorating to get to as well in addition to our curriculum content. Please see the information about the topics your child will be learning about.

The Year 3 staff are:

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Home Learning

- Daily reading, we would advise children in KS2 to be reading for at least 20 minutes per day and reading records to be signed by an adult or the child 3 times per week.
- Maths homework to support learning of the key facts e.g. timetables.
- Spelling homework
- Children benefit from adult support with homework in the Autumn term to establish a good routine

Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected in on Thursdays.

Science

In this unit, the children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. They will also identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



PE

Our PE topics for Autumn 2 are **Fitness** and **Ball Skills**. Children will learn the basics of warming up, exercising and stretching and how to check their pulse to see how engaged their bodies are. We will work on balance and hand-eye coordination as well as discussing how to be an effective and supportive team mate.

D&T – Healthy and Seasonal Eating

To align with our Science Topic about nutrition and development, the Year 3 children will design, make and assess their own healthy sandwiches, with a focus on seasonal produce and sustainability. They will also consider the effect that labels can have on marketing a product and information the consumer about nutritional information.

How to support your children at home

We recommend a balance of reading with your child and making time for them to read independently. To support topics, children can use a range of resources: local libraries, weekend trips, online resources and information books to deepen their learning. Some online resources that may be useful are:

Trockstars.com **Topmarks – Hit the Button**
Mathsframe **Ducksters** **Oddizzi**



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MFL – Adjectives of Colour, Shape and Size

Children will Describe shapes using adjectives of colour and size, learning the position of adjectives relative to the noun; noting cognates, practising language skills and developing confidence through games and creating animal and Christmas artworks inspired by the cut-outs of French artist, Henri Matisse. This unit has cross-curricular links with Art and Design.

PSHE

PSHE topics for this half-term include **Keeping and Staying Healthy**, which will focus on healthy eating, exercise and medicine. We will also discuss **Relationships** and what appropriate touch means. We will also discuss what you can do and who you can talk to if you are feeling nervous or upset.

RE

Our focus for Religious Education for Autumn 2 will be a discussion-based unit, focusing on the question *Why is the Bible Important for Christians Today?* This investigation enables children to learn in-depth from different spiritual ways of life about Christian scriptures, exploring questions about what the Bible says and how the Bible is used and valued in Christian communities today.

Maths

Maths topics for Autumn 2 include Subtraction, Multiplication, Length and Perimeter. We will first take a practical approach to teaching subtraction, focusing on children using base-10 blocks to make exchanges in the Ones and Tens column, before attempting a more formal, written method of subtraction. We will continue to quiz the children weekly on their multiplication tables. We will focus on the 3, 4, 6 and 9 times tables this half term.

Weekly Schedules:

PE days:

3AF – Mon and Fri

3SH – Mon and Thurs

3LG – Weds and Fri

Library Days:

3AF – Monday

3SH – Friday

3LG - Friday

Final Word / Important Points

All children can now receive a free piece of fruit at playtime. You may send your child to school with their own playtime snack if you'd prefer, though please stick to healthy options, with little waste, if possible.

Thank you for supporting us in our common goal of giving your children the best possible education. It's been a very enjoyable term so far!

Computing – Scratch

Children will be introduced to the world of computer programming this half term by using software called Scratch on our Winns Chromebooks. Scratch has a block-based approach to coding, which allows pupils to program characters and backgrounds to tell stories and create simple games.

English

Our first Writing Topic will be a poetry unit focusing on a poem called *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright. Children will learn to use adjectives, adverbs and similes to describe settings and senses. Based on their own special memories and feelings, children will learn that poetry does not always have to rhyme and follow rules. As we approach the festive season, the children will write some holiday stories. They will practice the writing progression of planning, drafting and editing.

Music

Our music learning will largely focus on keyboard lessons in our Winns Keyboard Lab, where the children will receive lessons from a professional pianist twice a week. We will also incorporate a music software program called Charanga for some in-class singing.