

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3 Spring Term 1

In Year 3 this term are:

- Miss Madeley – 3M
- Mr Braiden – 3B
- Mrs Payton



English



In writing, we will be using our reading text as a stimulus for non-fiction and fictional writing this half term. We will be continuing to focus on basic writing skills so that children can begin learning and applying more complex writing skills. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Hansel or Gretel and we will be writing a set of instructions using imperative verbs on How to defeat a wicked witch.

In reading, we will be reading *Hansel and Gretel* by Anthony Browne. We will be exploring this wonderful text through a variety of activities. The children will have the opportunity to talk about the vocabulary used and draw inferences from some of the detailed illustrations and text.



Assembly Themes

Whilst our assemblies this half term will focus on our CARE values.



Science



This half term, we will be observing, investigating and exploring how do magnets work. The children will have the opportunity to think about simple forces and they will compare how things move on different surfaces.

Throughout this topic, like others, we will be linking our learning to the work of historic and modern day scientists. This half term we will consider the work of William Gilbert.

History



This half term, we will be exploring the Roman Empire and how that helped shape Britain today. Children will look to create links between Prehistoric Britain and compare and contrast these periods.

The links the children make, will show how civilisations continue to develop as humans become more skilled.

Maths



This half term, we will be applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to length and perimeter of objects and shapes. Children will explore the perimeter of both regular and irregular shapes. During this half term we will also explore fractions and the relationship between a part and a whole. Children will discover that we a real life representation as they are a part of our whole school. Children will continue to use the CPA approach to build, draw and write fractions before comparing and ordering them based upon their size.

DT



This half term, children will be exploring Mechanisms and will be using the process of design, make and evaluate. The children will make a moving toy using levers and linkages.



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Computing

Children will be continuing to embed their computing skills following on from our coding unit. They will be reminded about how to be safe online.



Experiences

- Children will visit Wroxeter Roman city to enhance their historical understanding of the Roman Britain.
- Many of our children will have the opportunity to visit Astley Burf on our 3 day residential trip.



PE



This half term, we will be focussing on fundamental skills. Year 3 will have PE every Monday.

PE Kit

- plain white t-shirt
- plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black hoodie (with or without school logo)
- Plain trainers
- no jewellery

If children cannot take out their own stud earrings, we politely ask that these are removed before the start of the school day.

Music



This half term, we will learn about the features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.

RE



In RE, we will be exploring Judaism. In this unit pupils will build on their knowledge about Jewish worldviews and way of life. They will recap work on Shabbat and deepen it by considering how different Jews today mark it. They will understand that Jews are diverse – beginning to use the language of Orthodox and Progressive. They will explore Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Pesach to build up their understanding of festivals and ideas of forgiveness, remembering, and freedom.

PSHE



In PSHE, under our Jigsaw topic Healthy ME. *Children will explore that healthy me is beyond healthy eating it is about a healthy body and mind too.*

French



We will continue to develop our speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in French using the basic phrases we now know.

Home Learning

Homework will be shared with children every other week. This will include a Spelling activity related to the spelling rule or focus that children have been learning in school.

In between, we are actively encouraging all children to be reading at home and logging into TTRockstars as often as possible.

'Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.'

Barak Obama

We love to hear about what you've been reading, and see that Reading Records are being used to record reading moments.

