

Year 3 Curriculum Overview – Autumn term (1)

Our topic this term is: There's No Place Like Home

English

This term we will be learning about Narratives (fiction) and Biography (non-fiction). Our Narrative genre will be based on a suggested text (The Tin Forest by Helen Ward). We will regularly listen to whole class read aloud; use dictionaries to check meanings of words; sequence and discuss the main events in stories; read and analyse narratives in order to plan and write a narrative based on model text with innovated plot structure.

Our non-fiction unit will be based around a range of non-fiction texts. We will use a range of sources to conduct research for a biography. Finally, we will write a biography on a local person including heading, subheadings, paragraphs time connectives and conjunctions.

We will recap words from statutory words learnt in year 2, and learn a range of spelling from the statutory word list for Years 3 and 4.

Maths

It is very important that by the end of Year 3 the children should know their x2 table, x3 table, x4 table, x5 table, x8 table and x10 table. There will be opportunities in class for the children to practise these tables. Any practise which your child can do at home will be most beneficial. Our learning this term will be focused on Place Value, Comparing Numbers, Ordering Numbers, Addition and Subtraction.

In place value, we will learn more about ones, tens, hundreds and thousands using concrete representations. We will learn how to order numbers in ascending and descending order. We will also learn to add and subtract numbers up to 3-digits with and without regrouping.

Science

Throughout this Autumn term 1, we will be learning about animals and humans. Pupils will be taught to identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will explore how muscles and joints help us to move.

Topic

The topic for this half term is called 'There's no Place Like Home'. The majority of the work we do will be based upon this theme. The lead subjects are Geography and History. PE, RE, PSHE, Computing, Performing Art, RHE (Relationships and Health Education) and MFL will also be taught.

In Relationships and Health Education we will be focusing on families, love, security and stability in happy family relationships. We will also be looking at the characteristics of caring friendships and mental well-being, feelings and 'me' time.

We know that we see you regularly at the start and at the end of the school day and this is a good opportunity to liaise about your children. If you would like to

speak to us at greater length, then please arrange an appointment to meet with a member of the Year 3 staff through the office.

We will continue to send home knowledge organisers and homework grids to support children's learning – please do encourage your children to make best use of these to help them with their learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

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