

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 1

Message from Teacher

Hello Parents! Your children have made a great start in Year Three and we have been extremely impressed with their hardworking attitude and determination to be the best they can be. We are looking forward to supporting your children on their learning journey this year.

Key Dates for the Diary

- **Curriculum Café:** Wednesday 2nd October
- **Tempest Photography:** Wednesday 9th October
- **Mass in Church:** Friday 4th October
- **World Mental Health Day:** Thursday 10th October
- **Inset Day:** Friday 25th October
- **October Half Term:** W/B Monday 28th October

Key Information

Your child has PE on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Can you please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kits.

Please can you make sure that you send your child's **water bottle** into school every day.

Your child's **reading day** is displayed on the front cover of their reading record book. Please can you make sure that they return their books and reading record to school on these days so that we can change them. Please try to read with your child as much as you possibly can.

Could we please ask that you encourage and support your child logging onto **Times Tables Rock Stars**.



Our Learning in Year Three



Maths: This half term we have begun by consolidating some of our prior knowledge of **Place Value**. We will be focusing on recognising the value of hundreds, tens, and units within a three-digit number, recognising number lines to 1000, finding 1, 10, or 1000 more or less, and comparing objects and numbers. Our next topic we will be focusing on is **Addition and Subtraction**. The children will learn to add and subtract multiples of 100 and to add and subtract 1-digit, 2-digit, and 3-digit numbers, before moving on to the column method for addition and subtraction.

English: This half term, we will be learning the story of '**The Great Kapok Tree**' in English. Firstly, the children will complete the Imitation Stage which focuses on nouns by considering expanded noun phrases and how to use pronouns correctly. Next, the children will innovate the story so that they write a four-part story from the perspective of another character within the story. Then, they will then write their own rescue story using ideas from 'The Great Kapok Tree' text.

Other Curriculum Areas

Spellings: During spelling lessons this half term, we will recap some of the spellings that we learnt in Year Two. The children will develop their understanding of polysyllabic words, which will feature in their spelling homework.

History: In History, the children will be learning about **Pre-History: focusing on The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age**. The children will discover what life was like, how to survive, and use their historical knowledge to make connections to life today.

Science: In Science, the children will be learning about **Animals Including Humans**. They will be exploring the different food groups, compare skeletons and their functions where they will get a chance to create their own skeleton.

P.E: This half term in P.E., the children will be focusing on **Tag Rugby**, where they will develop their team skills, and **Indoor Athletics** where they will focus on actives based on sports hall athletics.

R.E/PSHE: Our current topic in R.E is **Homes**. We will be thinking about what makes a house a home. We will do this by discussing and understanding how we can live our lives following in the footsteps of Jesus by loving one another. In RSHE, we will be learning how we were all created and loved by God. We will explore the Gospel story, Jarius' daughter, in creative and reflective ways, discussing that we are all designed for a purpose and how we should live in light of this.

French: This half term in French, we will be looking at **Greetings** the children will be learning how to say common greeting phrases and how to introduce themselves. They will then begin looking at the first Year Three Unit: **Families**.

