



Dear families,

Welcome to autumn term in Year 3. We have an exciting term ahead!

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

3H: Mr Harbord

Mrs Waller

3PJ: Mrs Parkins (Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs Jowers (Wednesday to Friday)

Mrs Dothie

Mrs Davis

Mrs Kaur

P.E. days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Some of these sessions will be with Mr Grimsey and his 6th Form Students. Further details will follow. Please send your children into school in their P.E. kit on these days.

Note – P.E. kit includes: house coloured **t-shirt** and black or navy-blue **shorts** underneath a black or navy-blue **tracksuit bottoms**, school sweatshirt (**NO fashion labelled sweatshirts please**) plus **trainers** that are suitable for outdoor PE. During the Autumn Term, please send in **spare socks and shoes** on PE days, as children can be on the field, which is often wet!

Read on below to find out what your children will be learning this term:

English

Writing: We will begin our writing this term with some grammar sessions to recap previous learning and these sessions will be focused on the story The Colour Monster and the film Inside Out. Our non-fiction focus for this term will be writing Instructions. Our Fiction units will include a Warning Story based on 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' with a focus on setting and later in the term a Character Change Story based on 'Mr Big' with a focus on character.

Reading: Our class books will be 'The Sheep Pig' by Dick King-Smith and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We shall teach reading skills based upon these two books. We will also include some reading lessons using poetry and non-fiction texts based on our Stone Age topic.

Maths

During the autumn term our main units will incorporate place value knowledge and understanding, addition and subtraction. Later in the term, we'll concentrate on multiplication and division, reviewing the 2, 5 and 10 times-tables from Key Stage 1 and then focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times-tables.

Science

Our first unit in science is 'Animals (including humans) – Movement'. This includes work about the skeleton and muscles. Our second unit is 'Rocks, Soil and Fossils', which links well with our geography in the spring term. We aim to do lots of practical experiments and investigation throughout the term.

Other subjects

Art – During the term, we focus on pencil drawing with Leonardo da Vinci as our inspirational artist.

Computing – The two units this term are: Creating Media (Desktop Publishing) and Computing Systems and Networks (Connecting Computers).

Design Technology – Levers and Linkages. We will be exploring cards and books with moving parts and creating our own moving Christmas cards.

French – The two units this term are: 'I'm Learning French' and 'Days, Months' including birthdays. Some lessons will also be spent learning about Christmas traditions in France.

Music – We teach from the Essex Charanga scheme. This term the unit will be learning how to play the recorder and later in the term 'Writing Music Down.'

Physical Education – Some of our P.E. is taught by students from the VI Form College as part of their studies, supervised by Mr Grimsey. The children will take part in games lessons including basketball, hockey and multi-skills. They will also take part in cross-country sessions.

PSHE – 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference' – these units will be taught during lessons and some assemblies.

Religious Education – The children will explore how people show commitment to religion through Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism. They will also find out about the Trinity in Christianity.

History – Throughout the entire autumn term, the children will be learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, with a focus on the progress made during these periods.

Forest School – This will be on alternate Thursday afternoons - information regarding this provision will follow.

Trips and events

In Autumn 1 there will be a Stone Age Experience day at school. In Autumn 2 we will be taking a trip to Plume Avenue Church, linked with our RE unit, and the pantomime trip later that term.