

English

We have adopted the 'Talk for Writing' approach and methods for this year and we are really looking forward to the positive impact it will have on writing and grammar. Writing will be linked to different books in a range of genres and will often be linked to our Learning Challenges. This term we will cover explanations, instructions, setting scenes and poetry. We will learn about spelling and grammar from our talk for writing, focused lessons and guided reading sessions. The children will have lots of opportunities to practice and develop their writing in English and through purposeful enquiry topic writing tasks.

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

PE

We will be focusing on dance during PE in the first half of the term and in outdoor games, our sports coach, Fiona Tuplin, will be teaching skills around a variety of invasion games beginning with Hockey.

Outdoor games will take place on Wednesday and indoor PE on Friday each week. Fiona and I would like thank you for making sure all of the children had their outdoor kits even in the first week of term. It was so encouraging to see the children all fully prepared for their first outdoor games session and was all the more enjoyable for it.



Reading Books

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school on a daily basis, thank you. It is important that the children read as much as possible. We will change books on Monday and Thursday and we would like to change them as often as possible.



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a great summer and that the children are rested and ready for the new-year ahead. Our theme for the Autumn term is 'The Great Outdoors' and we will be offering lots of opportunities to learn outside. The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home. You can follow us on my Twitter account @MrN_HCPS and through the SeeSaw app. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Year 3 Team: Mr Nevet & Mrs Young.

Computing

We will use ICT to support and enhance learning across the curriculum, developing skills using Purple Mash and Scratch. We will develop an awareness and understanding of E-Safety and use multimedia. We will also use Google classroom for cross curricular learning. Google classroom will be our portal for teaching should any of the children need to self-isolate. They will be going through the login process in school and should they need to login from home instructions will be given.

Maths

We will build on previous knowledge, revising and developing our knowledge of number and place value, methods of addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. For the first half term we will continue to develop our recall of number bonds to 10 and 20 and related number facts and also recall of our 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables. The better the children know their times tables, number bonds and number facts the more they will enjoy learning about maths and it would be enormously beneficial if the children learned and practiced recalling these with you at home. In the second half of the term we will begin to practice and develop formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and begin to look at division methods.

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and more!

Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.

Safety and PSHCE

Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 15th – 19th November with the theme of 'One kind word.' Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

We will be using the tools and lessons based around HeartSmart TV to help the children with their social and emotional development and take part in regular circle time activities designed to promote healthy discussion around emotions, feelings and the way we deal with change.

We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain and teach e-safety as part of our computing curriculum.

Our HCCPS Learning Challenge

Our first Learning Challenge for the Autumn term is: "Where on earth is this pebble from?" during this challenge we will investigate different types of rocks and soils and their origins and formations. This links very well with our focussed history/geography learning around the Stone Age.

We will link elements of science, history, geography and art into our learning challenge. We will 'travel north' to Scara Brae to look at what life was like for the people living there. Our art and outdoor learning will be linked to cave paintings and artefacts from the Stone Age and we will look at artefacts and explore how people in the Stone Age created cave paintings.

The children's own knowledge and questions will also play a large part in what we learn and how we demonstrate our understanding, so any artefacts, books, pictures etc. would be welcome.

Art/DT

In art this term we will use sketchbooks to collect and record visual information from different sources. Make marks and lines with a wide range of drawing implements e.g. charcoal, pencil, crayon, chalk pastels and pens and experiment with different grades of pencil and other implements to create lines and marks.

Homework

Spellings and an activity linked to the spelling rule will be given out at the beginning of each week in the children's yellow reading record/homework book and reviewed and assessed the following Monday. The spellings are taken from Spelling Shed and an online activity to practice the spellings will be available for the week. Until the end of the autumn term spellings, regularly reading and short bursts of practicing number facts and times tables will be all that is expected in terms of homework for our new Year 3 children. Should you wish to do more TT Rockstars, Mathletics and Bug Club can be accessed using the magic badges in the yellow reading record/homework book.

Story Time

We will be reading a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time back!

Children hearing stories and being given time to visualise and repeat them is important, and each class will finish the day with story time. Please ask your child what we are reading!