Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 2

Writing In our English lessons we will be writing to persuade. We will be focusing on using adjectives, intensifiers and the use of rhetorical questions. Our text is called 'The Perfect Pet'.	**Science** Our topic in Science will be animals, including humans. We will be learning about the importance of nutrition by identifying basic food groups and healthy eating. We will then be looking at human and animal skeletons and finding out about the functions of the bones and the muscles.	**RE** Our topic in RE this half term will be looking at how Christians follow God and how this impacts upon their lives. We will be reading stories from the Bible to demonstrate this, including 'Noah's Ark' and 'The Story of Abraham'
Maths We will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction. After that we will be moving onto multiplication and division. It is very important that your child practises their times tables so that they are confident with x2, x5, x10, x3, x4 and x8 by the end of Year 3.	**History** We will continue to learn about the Stone Age. We will be learning about how Stone Age people lived and how the developments in tools, housing and farming led to changes in this period in time.	**Guided Reading/Phonics** We will be reading a new text this half term of 'The Black Widow Spider'. This is a non fiction text and we will be focussing on how to retrieve information from texts and use this information to explain an answer.
PE In Real Gym, we will focus on our social skills and working with others. We will be developing our gym skills through travel and rotation. In Real PE, we will also focus on social skills and will be practising different types of jumping and landing and balancing.	**Geography** We will start by exploring mountains and hills in the UK. We will then be looking at how the capital city of England has changed over time. After that, we will look at the similarities between Manchester and another county.	**French** We will start by recapping numbers and colours. We will then move onto classroom instructions, days of the week and months of the year.
Music We will continue with our Ukulele lessons from the music service. We will also be preparing to perform a song for the Winter Singing Assembly.	**PSHE** In PSHE, we will be learning about .personal space and boundaries. We will be looking at hazards and how to keep safe including what to do in the event of an emergency.	**Ready Steady Spell / Phonics** We will be practising adding suffixes onto the end of words such as ing, ed, er, est, ness, ment, ful and ness. These will be sent home to practise. Some children will also be working on phonics and bringing home their phonics books each week.
Computing We will be using PurpleMash to learn about emailing. We will learn about attachments, email safety and we will learn about what to do if we see content that makes us feel sad, vulnerable or frightened.	**DT** We will be continuing to look at healthy bread based snacks. We will be developing our cutting, grating and slicing skill. We've designed our health sandwich and we are looking forward to creating and eating our own snacks!	**Art** We will be continuing our Art unit on experimenting with charcoal to create lively animal portraits. This is based on artists such as Laura McKendry.

Homework

Maths: Children will be asked to work through the platform numbots as part of their maths homework. We also encourage you to log onto Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS).

Reading: Children will bring home 2 books a week from school. Please try to listen to your child daily to practise their fluency skills.

Spelling: Spellings will be sent home in purple books every Friday. Please ensure the book is returned to class by ***Thursday.***

Purple Mash: Children have received log-ins for purple mash and teachers will sometimes set homework activities to consolidate learning from across the curriculum. There are a lot of learning games on there that can be freely explored if you wish to.

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