

Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1

Writing In English we will be exploring the text 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers. The children will recite a version of the text and then innovate their own versions to make a class book. We will also be focusing on a character toolkit and how we develop characters through stories.	Science In Science we will be learning about light and how we see light and dark. We will be using scientific enquiry skills and practical hands on experiments to learn about shadows and reflection	RE In RE, we will learn about the Christian story of Creation and the Fall and think about why this story is important for Christians. We will explore what Christians learn from the creation story in the Bible.
Maths As we start a new year, we will begin with place value, including numbers up to 1000, 10 and 100 more and less, going on to addition and subtraction. We will also practise times tables as well. Please help your children to practise times tables and number facts up to 100 at home.	History History this half term focuses on the Stone Age and the Bronze Age. We will explore the enquiry question: What was life like in the Stone Age and Bronze Age for our ancestors and how do we know?	Guided Reading Our first text of the year is "Ariki and the Island of Wonders" and we will be exploring how the author uses language to change the mood of the setting. Your children will soon start bringing home two books from school. We hope you enjoy listening to them!
PE In Real PE this half term we will work on our personal skills alongside footwork and balance. We will be learning dance moves inspired by the Stone Age!	Geography Our first Geography topic is The UK. We will be learning about the countries, cities and physical and human geography of the UK. Children will start to use locational language and begin to use the 8 compass points to discuss position and direction.	French In Year 3, children start learning French! We begin with greetings, numbers and colours.
Music In Music we will listen to and respond to country, pop and rock music. We will also play instrumental parts and improvise. Children will learn note names and how to write them down, and think about the question, "How does music bring us together?"	PSHE Our PSHE this term focuses on settling into class and establishing a class charter and rules to keep us all safe. We will also think about our connections. In this unit we will explore what qualities make a good friendship, including how to express our feelings and manage conflict.	Spellings In Spelling we will look at adding a variety of suffixes, onto root words such as adding, es and ing, to words ending in y. Adding ed, er and est to a root word ending in y with a consonant before it. Finally adding ing, er and est and y to a root word ending in e with a consonant before it.
Computing The children will start using Chromebooks this half term. We will use these to practice touch typing and we will learn how to send and receive emails.	DT The children will be designing a healthy, vegetarian bread-based snack. Perhaps they could help prepare sandwiches at home?	Art In Art we are looking at gestural drawing, creating energy and motion using line and value. They will explore drawing tools such as pencils and charcoal.

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 will receive 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.

