

Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2019

Our topics this term are Around the World and 'Rocks and Soils'

English



This half term we will be looking at diary writing linked to the 'Stone Age Boy' story. We will study non-fiction books and produce a fact file using ideas gained from a range of non-fiction texts.



Find out about subjects that interest your child using non-fiction texts.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning about addition and subtraction and they will be introduced to the column method. As we are following a mastery approach, the children will be encouraged to use concrete apparatus and pictorial representations to support their learning.



Encourage your child to practise their number bonds for numbers to 10 so they can recall them very quickly and use them effortlessly in their work.

Science



Our science topic for this half term is 'Rocks and Soils, the ground beneath our feet.' - Do you know what is under the ground? We will be comparing and grouping rocks on the basis of their appearance and their properties. The children will also learn how fossils are formed and what soils are made from.



See if there are any unusual rocks in your garden - different colours, textures, hard or able to crumble.

Geography

Our topic this half term is 'Around the World' We will learn about the continents of the world and study some specific countries. We will locate and plot these countries on maps and find out about their capital cities, currency, food and how their landscapes are shaped by where they are in the world.

R.E.



The children will be thinking about and discussing how is faith expressed in the Hindu community and tradition?

Computing



The children will continue to learn using Purple Mash to find out about online safety, using publisher and blogging. We will be talking a lot about games they play at home, the reasons for age restrictions and what to do if they ever come across something online that makes them feel uncomfortable.



Encourage your child to talk to you about the games they play and what to do if they are unsure or feel uncomfortable.

Art



In art we will learn how different marks can be made to describe textures. Applying what we have learned with pencil and charcoal to explore artists We will use self-portraits to develop their skills. Finishing the topic we will create our own sculptures of heads; being inspired by the artists Alberto Giacometti and Pablo Picasso.

Music

Year 3 this term the children will be finding out about sounds, instruments and composing, being inspired by poetry, story and art. They will be singing a range of songs and learning to appreciate music from all over the world.



Try tapping out a simple repetitive rhythm for your child to follow or you follow theirs!

Values/PSHE

We are working as a school on our school Values along with our Golden Rules of showing 'Readiness, Respect & Responsibility.'



Please help your child work on 'Responsibility & Readiness' by encouraging them to maintain their attendance & punctuality (8.50am in their line on the playground) and reminding them to check they have book bag, water bottle, PE kit and correct uniform each day.

P.E.

We have specialist teaching for dance on Tuesday. With the sports coach on Thursday's, the children will be learning the skills within tag rugby.



Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school every day and removes or is able to remove earrings on a Tuesday and Thursday. Now we are entering winter, can your child please have a winter outdoor PE kit - jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers.

Homework The children have been given Autumn 2 homework menu, so please have fun supporting your child completing these. We would like the children to complete two of these tasks by Monday 9th December 2019.

Reading - Listen to your child read as often as you can. Discuss the story, characters and meaning of new words. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding. The middle section of the new reading diaries should help with this as well as other areas of English your child is working on.

Spellings - We are revising, reviewing and extending the children's knowledge and use of common exception words from Year 1 to Year 3. Spellings will be taught in lessons. The children will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary through the topics.

Times Tables - There is a national push for children to know their Times Tables - not just in order to recite but also out of order (instant recall of what, for example, $2 \times 8 =$) and also associated division facts ($2 \times 8 = 16$ and so 16 divided by $8 = 2$ and divided by $2 = 8$, again instant recall). In Year 2 they covered 2, 5, 10 times tables but need to revise these this term. We will be practising their x tables through TT Rockstars in school and we encourage the children to play this at home. Login's will be in the children's reading records with their Purple Mash login's as well. Please encourage and have fun.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

The Year 3 Team

Maple Class: Mr Davies (Teacher) & Mrs Walker (TA)

Sycamore Class: Teachers -Mrs Hanmer (Mon-Tues), Mrs Gower (Weds, Thurs, Fri), Mrs Nikiema (TA)

Mrs McCormack - L4 TA