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Year 3 Curriculum News

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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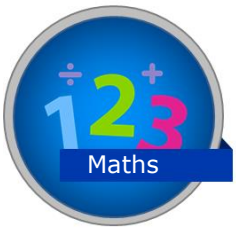
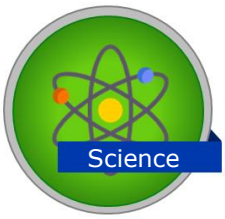
</td><td>English</td></tr>
<tr><td>Read to Write will be used for teaching writing again this year. Each half term we will have a book that supports all our writing and the children will produce two high quality pieces of writing based on each book. Our first book is The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and then next half term we will be reading Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. The children will cover narrative, explanation and information writing and all the Yr3 grammar elements are intertwined in the learning.
The children will do whole class reading activities daily and individually will start on the banded books they used in Key stage 1 or more specific phonics books. As we go through the year we hope to progress through these and develop many free readers as we work on all their vocabulary, inference, predicting, explaining, retrieval and summarising skills.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">
</td><td>Maths</td></tr>
<tr><td>We will continue our Maths learning using the Power Maths scheme which the children are now very familiar with. We will start the term by furthering our knowledge of place value. This includes values of digits, using number lines and comparing and ordering numbers. The children will then learn how to add and subtract numbers using formal written methods and some mental methods. Towards the end of term, the children will learn formal methods for multiplication and division and then use these to help solve multiplication and division problems. We will be using TTRockstars to help with our learning of times tables and this is also something that can be done at home if you wish. We will share log in details during the term.
Any practical Maths you can do at home to support your child would be fantastic.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">
</td><td>Science</td></tr>
<tr><td>The children will study Forces and Magnets in the first half term. They will observe how magnets react with different materials and with each other. This ties in perfectly with our Iron Man writing this term so we will be making lots of links.
In the second half term, the children will investigate Rocks. They will find out about the different characteristics of rocks, weathering and the suitability of rocks for certain jobs and look at the formation of fossils and different soil types.
These are both topics the children may well have books on at home so feel free to send them in on a Wednesday if the children want to share these.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Our topics this term are the Stone Age in History, where changes through the different periods during that time are looked at, and Settlements in Geography, where we will explore maps and learn how to use compasses and grid references. In Art, the children will explore charcoal, artists who use this media, look at early cave art and create their own charcoal pictures. We will be using Charanga to teach Music to the children and will be introducing French through a scheme called Rigolo. It will give the children a first opportunity to learn a foreign language. In both PSHE and RE we will be using Jigsaw with a focus on Being Me in My World in PSHE and the theme of Beliefs within Sanatana Dharma in RE. We will also cover some e-safety.</td></tr>
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</td><td>Additional Information</td></tr>
<tr><td>The children will visit the school library on a Friday and P.E will take place on Tuesdays, inside, and outside when the weather permits on a Thursday. Please remember to send the children in wearing PE kit on those days with appropriate layers.
Home learning is now targeted if we feel there are areas that some work at home will benefit your child. This said, we still expect the children to be reading daily and practising times tables and number facts.
Please keep an eye on the class page for any updates, photos and further information. If you have any questions, then please contact us via the office and we will respond as quickly as possible, or you can speak to us at the end of the day on the playground.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and we hope that the children have a fantastic time in year 3!
Mrs Barker and Mr Smith</td></tr>
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