

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## Year 3

### Autumn 2021 Newsletter



I very much hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer break and that you and your family have managed to enjoy some adventures together over the holiday. It is so lovely to welcome the children back for the start of the new school year. Each term, we will be sending out an information leaflet similar to this one, which will provide you with details of our upcoming learning. Year 3 will also be ably supported by Mrs Lane Monday to Thursday and Mrs Daniell on a Friday. I very much look forward to working with you and your children during their time in Year 3.

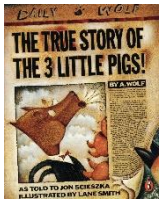
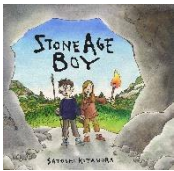
#### Maths

In Maths, we use the Herts for Learning materials along with other resources to support our teaching of the Primary Curriculum. Techniques to support learning include partner talk, games, book work, investigations, use of concrete materials and many other techniques. In the first term, we focus on developing a secure understanding of place value and times table facts; exploring mental and written methods for addition and subtraction - and solving problems relating to estimation and measure.



#### English

In English, we mostly use the Herts for Learning English modules. These modules cover fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing. This term we will focus on 'Adventure Stories', 'Limericks', 'Recounts', 'Fairy Tales', and 'Performance Poetry'. While exploring the different writing styles and structure of each genre, we will also look at developing children's vocabulary within their writing and other vocabulary building activities. Each term, a module called 'Take One Book' will enable us to explore a chosen text in greater detail. Grammar teaching will be incorporated into the teaching of writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons. In addition, we will be carrying out daily whole class Guided Reading sessions and a number of dedicated spelling sessions each week. The children will also continue to develop their handwriting skills.



#### History

In Lower Key Stage 2, our topic for the whole term will be Stones & Bones. This History topic will explore how the Stone Age to Bronze Age period impacted life in Britain. We will learn about how early man survived in a harsh environment, why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age, how copper mining was crucial to the Bronze Age and why Stonehenge was built. We will also learn about why Iron Age people developed hillforts and how important Druids were in Iron Age Britain.



#### Science

Our Science learning links nicely to our topic in the first half term as we will be learning about rocks and fossils. The children will learn about the different types of rock and how they are formed as well as the life cycle of a fossil. In the second half term we will move onto learning about different forces.

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## RE

In RE this year, we will be following an excellent new scheme called The Emmanuel Project. This term the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Christianity and Islam. We will base our learning on the following questions:

Autumn 1: How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important?

Autumn 2: How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?



## Art and DT

In ART lessons we will be studying Ancient cave art. During the second half of the term, we will explore the intricacies of levers and linkages in Design and Technology.

## PE

The children will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. This half term we are focusing on tactics and communication as well as problem solving. After half term we will be focusing on cricket and netball. Lessons will continue to be outside so please make sure that clothing is appropriate for all weathers.



## Computing

Over the coming term we are going to be looking at online safety and remind ourselves how to keep safe at all times. We will also develop our coding skills and start to understand how spreadsheets are created and used.

## Music

Using our excellent new music scheme, Charanga, the children will follow a unit called 'Let Your Spirit Fly' in which they will develop their appraisal skills. During the second half term, the children will use the glockenspiels.



## PHSE

RHE lessons will follow our new JIGSAW scheme of work. This term looking at what is special about ourselves and celebrating differences amongst us.

## Further information

Please continue to **read daily** and practice **times tables** with your child at home. This is essential to support their learning and progress in school. Additional tasks will continue to be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a weekly basis - handed out on a Thursday and returned the following Tuesday. These will often be a maths and spelling activity but may also include other subject areas.

Please provide your child with a **daily healthy snack** for break time and please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. As the weather is getting warmer, you may also wish to consider a **sun hat**. Please can all clothing be clearly named as well.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating life in all its fullness.

Miss Harris, Mrs Lane and Mrs Daniell

