

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 3

Spring 2023 Newsletter



Welcome back! I hope you had enjoyed the festive break and are now feeling well rested and ready for the new year. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself - my name is Miss Cox and I will be taking over from Mrs Loft from this term as she embarks on her maternity leave. I am incredibly excited to start teaching your children and can't wait to get to know all of you! Year 3 will continue to be ably supported by Mrs Lane.

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. Maths areas covered this term will include word problems, the different types of lines, properties of shape, and multiplication and division facts.



English

In English, we will mostly use Herts for Learning English modules. We will start with 'Adventure Stories,' using the text 'Stone Age Boy.' We will then move on to 'Instructions,' using the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.' While exploring the different writing styles and structure of each genre, we will also focus on developing children's vocabulary through vocabulary building activities. Grammar teaching will be incorporated throughout the English units. Spelling and handwriting lessons will take place each week to introduce the weekly spelling pattern as well as focusing on the important Statutory Year 3 and 4 words to spell. In addition, there will be a whole Guided Reading which focuses on the vocabulary used, making inferences, predictions, explaining our answers and summarise what we have read.



History

Our topic for the whole term is called '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

In Science, our main focus is light in which we will be looking at different light sources and how it reflects on different surfaces. The children will conduct their own investigations to help explore shadows, light and reflections.

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RE

In RE, we will continue to follow our scheme called 'The Emmanuel Project.' This term the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Hinduism and Christianity. We will base our learning on the following questions:

Spring 1: Why do Hindus want to collect good karma?

Spring 2: Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?



Art and DT

In ART lessons, we will be studying Ancient cave art, starting with discussions about the purpose of cave art and the materials used. During the second half term, we will be exploring pneumatics in DT.

PE

The children will have PE on Wednesday and Friday every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. This half term we are focusing on Basketball and Gymnastics. After half term we will be moving on to Tag Rugby and Dance. Please make sure that clothing is appropriate for all weathers as some of our learning will be outside.



Computing

Over the coming term in Computing, we will be learning about touch typing and emails. The children will learn the basics of efficient typing in order to develop their typing skills, and how to use email in a safe space.

Music

Using our excellent music scheme, Charanga, the children will start with a unit called 'Three Little Birds,' in which they will develop their appraisal skills. After half term, we will focus on learning songs for the Lower Key Stage 2 production.



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

RHE lessons will follow our JIGSAW scheme of work. This term, the units are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy me.'

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 Cox and Mrs Lane

