

Year 3

Autumn Term 1 2024



We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer holiday, and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead! We have a very busy and exciting half-term ahead of us. Take a look at what we will be learning about over the coming weeks.

Geography: This half term we will be focusing on rivers and considering where they come from, where they end, and why they are important. Additionally, we will explore positive and negative impacts on rivers such as pollution. We will be learning about local rivers, famous rivers, and features of a river.

History: In history, we will focus on Ancient Egyptians and their achievements. We will look at a variety of different artefacts and historical sources in order to teach us more about the ancient civilisation. We will also go to Weston Park Museum on Friday 27th September for a Egyptian workshop!

Literacy: Within literacy, we will read and respond to a book called 'The King Who Banned the Dark'. We will be focusing the different emotions within the text, writing letters and finishing the unit with writing a diary entry. We will also be reading the poem 'The Brook' and using this as inspiration to write our own free-verse poems.

Numeracy: In maths, we will focus on place value and move on to looking at addition and subtraction methods, using the column method to exchange.

Computing: This half term we will continue to develop our understanding of using the computer and the internet by exploring different programmes and keyboard shortcuts.

PE: Indoor PE will be athletics and Outdoor PE will be football. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Children should please wear a white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a black jumper, as well as trainers on their PE days. Children with long hair should have this tied up or bring a bobble to school. Earrings should be taken out in advance of coming to school or they will not be able to participate in PE. No football kits are allowed for PE uniform.

RSHE: This half term we will be considering the question, 'What makes a good friend?' and support children's development of social and emotional resilience.

RE: During our RE lessons we will look at what Christians learn from the Creation Story and children will consider their own beliefs.

P4C: During P4C sessions we will be covering the topic 'killing time at home' where we will be discussing friendships, loneliness and trust.

Art: Children will learn about Jackson Pollock and colour mixing in order to create an emotive painting in his style. This is a messy unit and we will appreciate pupils bringing in an old t-shirt!

Reading & Homework: We ask that all children read at least 3 times each week at home.

Every Monday children are encouraged to change the book that they are reading for the week ahead. On a Friday, children will need to bring in their yellow diary so that children can be rewarded for their reading efforts. Children will bring home weekly spellings to practise for a spelling test on Friday. In Y3, we do not send home spelling certificates.

Look out for the homework ideas sheet, which has lots of ideas for you to have a go at!

PE days:

Phoenixes Outdoor PE: Wednesday

Phoenixes Indoor PE: Friday

Rockstars Outdoor PE: Tuesday

Rockstars Indoor PE: Thursday

