

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 1 - 2023

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:

Energised Earth

Our main focuses are:

- To learn about the world's oceans and the amazing creatures that live within them.
- To understand the difference between seas, coasts and oceans and learn the names and locations of some.
- To understand what makes a balanced diet.
- To understand the difference between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- To learn human and physical geographical features.

Our theme will last for:

7 weeks



French

We will be introducing your child to the French language this half-term and teaching them the basics! If you know any French, why not use this with your child at home?

No Outsiders

We will be reading the book 'This is our House' by Michael Rosen to help us understand what discrimination means.

Behaviour and Safety

We will be thinking about our school rules and how they help us when we are in school. We will use our computing skills to explore what could happen when children don't follow the rules.

P.S.H.E.

We will be exploring our feelings and emotions as well as our relationships with others. We will begin defining different relationships and work on how we can maintain healthy bonds with others.



Music

Ding! Ding! This half term, we will be learning how to play the glockenspiels and create our own melodies.

P.E.

To keep us fit and healthy during the Autumn 1, we are going to be learning gymnastics! Children will be developing the control of their bodies and their balance (tricky stuff!) while creating and performing short sequences both individually and in small groups.

Please make sure your child has both their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits in school from Monday to Friday. Jewellery must not be worn on their P.E. days.

Please make sure all of your child's clothes are labelled.



English:

Our books this half term are 'Dear Greenpeace' and 'How Did That Get in my Lunchbox?'. The children's work this half term will include:

- Reading the books and discussing ideas and themes as a class.
- Writing a pamphlet all about Greenpeace and what they do as an organisation.
- Writing an information text about healthy eating using question marks.
- Writing a letter to Greenpeace asking for help including questions and exclamation marks.



In reading, we will be focusing on training the children in Year 3 to be reading detectives. We will be looking at how they can show their understanding of what they have read by asking and answering questions and the importance of 'I wonder...'

When reading at home, why not ask your child to share what they are wondering about? For example, 'I wonder if Emily will be allowed to keep the whale' or 'I wonder if Emily will join Greenpeace when she's older'.

Science

Calling all scientists! This half-term, we will become biologists and nutritionists, thinking all about healthy bodies! We will understand why we have skeletons and muscles and the foods we need to eat for a healthy, balanced diet.

Geography

It's time to set sail to explore our oceans, seas and coasts. Along the way we will be looking at:

- The differences between seas and oceans.
- The locations and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- 'Google Earth' to find out the location of different oceans.
- Atlases and globes to find our place within the world.

Religious Education

The Year 3 children will be learning about Christianity this half term. They will focus on the story of creation, Jesus' miracles and Christian morals.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. The children can earn Reading XP and use this to get prizes—look out for other ways to earn extra XP!!

Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence!

An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers.

A topic project will be set in the coming weeks and this will be explained with a letter containing all of the information regarding it - this one can let your creativity take hold!

Key Dates

Skegness trip—Thursday 21st September 2023

Design and Technology week—dates to be confirmed

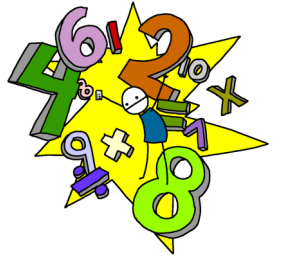
Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Energised Earth' in where possible.

The objectives we will be covering include:

- Counting in multiples of 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100.
- Finding 10 or 100 more or less than a number.
- Learning our multiplication and division facts for the 3s, 4s and 8s.
- Order and compare numbers up to 1000.
- Solve different number problems.
- Add and subtract numbers mentally up to 3 digits.

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really helpful if you could practise mental Maths strategies and times tables. On a weekly basis, children will practise their times tables and work on their mental Maths. skills.



Art

During the Art lessons with the H.L.T.As, Year 3 children will be using watercolours to produce underwater pictures.

They will be learning about the artist Winslow Homer with a particular focus on his piece entitled "Gloucester Harbour".



Computing

For Computing, we will be developing our E-safety knowledge and making sure that we know how to stay safe online. We will look at how to create secure passwords, how to keep our personal information safe and how to be a good online citizen.



D.T.

In keeping with the theme of Energised Earth, our design and technology week will focus on food technology. We will be looking at creating balanced meals that are both nutritious, delicious and inspired by the ocean. Please let your child's class teacher know if they have any dietary requirements.

Homework help!