

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 1 - 2024

Our theme for Autumn Term is:



Our main focuses are:

- To explore the amazing world of superheroes and villains.
- To explain how we can look after others and be more like superheroes in our own lives!



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?

Personal, Social and Health Education (P.S.H.E.)

This half term we will be focusing on responsibilities and looking at how they change as we get older.

No Outsiders

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

Computing

We will be using block language to create our own algorithms and games on the Code.org website. Spotting and correcting mistakes will be our main priority but we will also look at how to repeat commands and work through code efficiently.



P.E.

To keep us fit and healthy during the Autumn term 1, we are going to take part in a range of invasion games, with a focus on football. We will learn how to move into spaces whilst learning attacking and defending skills.

Please can we remind you that children need to have their P.E. kits in school on **Friday**.

The kit must include **black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and indoor and outdoor shoes.**



English:

This half term our novel will be based around the superhero book 'Traction Man'. Your child will be learning to write a variety of texts which will include:

- Stories about Traction Man as well as children's own toys from home;
- A radio advert selling the latest Traction Man toy!
- Writing our own instructions for a superhero toy.
- Deepening our understanding of grammar, including: main clauses, conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases.

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 who Traction Man will save next?'



Science

Uh oh! Magneto is causing havoc yet again! We are going to be finding ways to stop him by understanding his impressive powers of magnetism. We will be understanding magnetic forces, magnetic materials and that magnets have poles. We will also look into how friction affects objects on different surfaces by conducting a scientific experiment. We will be finding out about light and shadow this half-term and we will learn about the dangers of the sun, the names of different light sources, reflection and how we can make shadows longer or shorter.

Art

This half term, our artwork will explore the amazing world of superheroes. We will learn about sketching and different types of line drawing. We will focus on the artist Chris Sprouse and his fabulous superhero creations.



Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Kapow' in where possible. Areas we will be covering in our Maths lessons are:

- 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.



Religious Education

The Year 3 children will be learning about Christianity this half term. They will focus on:

- The story of creation
- Jesus' miracles
- Christian morals



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.

Music

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

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.

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.

For topic homework, we would like to see your creativity to do with our topic: Kapow! You could focus on any subject but we would like to see 7 weeks worth of home learning.

Dates for your diary

- Weds 11th Sep—Parent Meeting
- w/c 23rd Sep —D&T Week
- 2nd & 3rd Oct—School Photos (individual)
- Tues 15th Oct—Flu immunisation

