

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2- 2022

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:

8 weeks



French

In French, your child will be learning about days, months and numbers. We will be learning about songs to do with these topics. Furthermore, we will practise some French phonics and even learn a few words about Noël!

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

'Say no to bullying'.

This half term includes 'Anti-Bullying Week' and so we will learn the definitions of bullying as well as what we can do about it. For our No Outsiders curriculum, we will focus on the book: 'We are all Wonders'. In P.S.H.E, we will learn about what it means to be a responsible citizen and how we can build our independence.

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.

We can't wait for P.E. this half-term! We are going to be looking at gymnastics; we will be exploring how nimble and flexible superheroes really need to be! This will involve using apparatus and creating our own routines.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate P.E. kit on Mondays: plimsolls, white t-shirt, black shorts / joggers and a black hoodie / zip up.



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;
- Persuasive texts intended to convince Traction Man to buy a fabulous new costume, including adverts.
- Instructions about how to create a superhero Bat House
- A setting description to describe a scene from Traction Man.
- Deepening our understanding of grammar, including: main clauses, conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases.

Our reading lessons will be based on 'Traction Man' as well as other superhero texts. We will be working on understanding themes in books, predicting character motives and intentions and looking at words that capture the readers' interest and imagination.

It would be great if your child could read some superhero themed books at home.



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.



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.

Design and Technology week

Our D.T. week will be on the first week back and we will be designing and making bat houses for Batman. His cave has been overrun with bats and he wants them to have new homes. We will use our understanding of friction, struts and joining techniques to create the bat houses.

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 8 weeks worth of home learning.

Dates for your diary

Black History week— week commencing 24th October
Superhero day—Monday 31st October
Maths Investigation week—week commencing 31st October
D.T. week— week commencing 7th November
Anti-Bullying week- week commencing 14th November
Christmas Fayre—Thursday 1st December
Hour of code week—week commencing 5th December
Homework showcase—Wednesday 14th December

Mathematics

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

- Exploring 2D shapes
- Perimeter of shapes.
- Angles within a shape and turns.
- Parallel and perpendicular lines.
- Horizontal and vertical lines.
- Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers with a column method.
- Mental methods for adding and subtracting.
- Solving problems with money.
- Measuring centimetres, grams and millilitres.



If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you discussed some of the areas we will be covering in the real world. For example, working out totals and change with money, spotting horizontal and vertical lines or adding and subtracting using the column method.

Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Sikhism and looking at:

- Sikhism symbols and their meanings.
- Traditional clothes that Sikhs wear.
- Important Sikh people.
- The key beliefs that Sikhs follow.



Behaviour and Safety

Our focus this half term is about saying no to bullying. Behaviour and Safety sessions will focus on the different types of bullying and how this affects our behaviour. Children will have a deeper understanding of how bullying can come in different forms. We will also learn about the British Value of Individual liberty.

