

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2- 2019

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:

9 weeks

French

In French, your child will be learning about the colours, days, months and numbers. We will be learning about songs to do with these topics.

Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.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 P.H.S.C.E, we will focus on the book: 'This is our House' and we will learn about discrimination.

Philosophy for Children (P.4.C.)

We will discuss:

- With great power comes great responsibility.
- Secret identities.
- Looking after those less fortunate than ourselves.



P.E.

We can't wait for P.E. this half-term! We are going to be looking at Gymnastics; exploring how nimble and flexible superheroes really need to be! This will involve using apparatus and creating our own routines. For some of the classes working with Ryan, children will be learning tri-golf.

If your child could have their P.E. kits in Monday to Friday, this would be useful.



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 shield or costume.
- Newspaper report about Traction Man saving the day.
- Diary entry from the perspective of someone being saved by a superhero.

Our guided reading will be based on 'Traction Man' as well as other superhero texts. 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.



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.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes everyday. They will have a Reading Journal that they can sign. We encourage Year 3 children to gain some independence so we do encourage your child to write in their Reading Journal. Spellings will also be set on a weekly basis. Please make sure your child practises them at least 5 times a week. Reading and spellings are of high importance in Year 3 and this is used to work towards gaining Golden Time. Finally, our homework for this half term will be 'We Are Money-Makers.' The showcase and deadline for this homework is on Tuesday 17th December and we can't wait to see the children's wonderful projects.

Dates for your diary

Black History w/c Monday 21st October; Superhero Wonder Day Monday 28th October; Anti Bullying w/c Monday 11th November; Turtles assembly Thursday 14th November; Christmas Art Morning Friday 29th November; Problem Solving w/c Monday 2nd December. Please look on the back of this letter for information about our Homework Showcase.

Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Kapow' in where possible. Every Monday, we will continue to focus on our fun quizzes!

Areas we will be covering in our maths:

- Adding and subtracting mentally.
- Using written methods for adding and subtracting.
- Perimeter of shapes.
- Angles within a shape and turns.
- Problem solving
- Mental Maths. strategies - it would be useful if your child could practise their times tables as homework.



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, "I've got twelve roast potatoes to share equally between four people. How many will each person have?" "Can you explain to me how you worked it out?"

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 links in nicely with our P.S.H.E. on 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.

