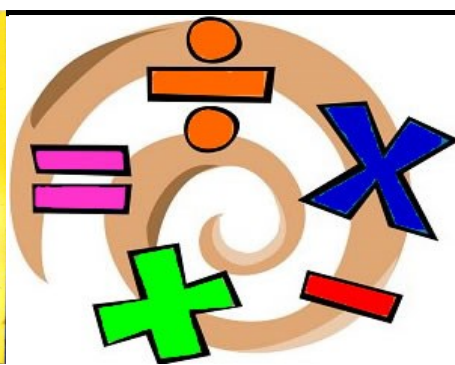
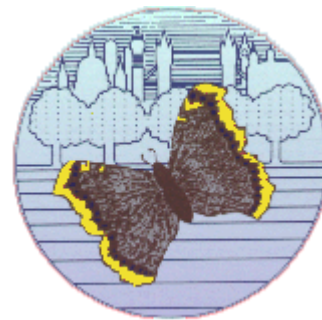


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CURRICULUM NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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English

The first thing the children will be learning is how to the French style paper we use in the Junior School. We have been practicing our joined up handwriting everyday and we are starting to see some lovely results.

Our first topic for the year is based around the book Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole. In Grammar we are learning about nouns and adjectives and how to describe characters.

We will be doing a lot of drama work to help bring the story alive which will helped us with our writing.

The next book based topic will be In the Forest by Anthony Browne. We will be examining settings for stories and how authors can build suspense.

Please continue helping to support your child with their reading at home every night and sign their reading diary.

Maths

We are beginning the year by working on the children's understanding of place value and using informal written methods to add and subtract. One of our key objectives in mental mathematics is learning our number bonds to 20 and 100. It is also important that children can add 10 to a number.

We are also working hard to learn our 3 and 4 times tables as well as keeping on practicing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. During the first half term, we will also cover a range of other topics including 2D shapes, multiplication, division and fractions.

After half term we will be working on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. As this is such a useful life skill, it would be very helpful if this could be practiced further at home.

Other topics we will cover including measuring length, solving money problems, data handling work and further work on multiplication and division.

Science

Our topic for the beginning of term is Animals including humans. We will look at the seven life processes and identify how animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. In addition to this, we will also look at the skeletal and muscular structure of the human body and identify the main bones and muscles that we have.

Our after half term is Magnets and forces. In order to explore the concepts of forces and movement. The children will begin by predicting then investigating which common materials are magnetic or non-magnetic and making generalisations about them based on their results. They will also be investigating how things move on different surfaces and Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others

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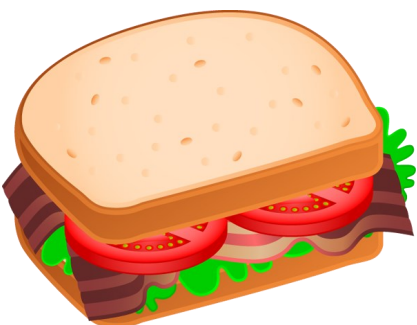


Art and D&T

We will link our Art work to our current topics and there will also be opportunities for the children to develop their painting and sketching skills.

After half term we are working on Design and Technology and we will be designing and making our own sandwiches.

As we approach the end of the term we will be making some lovely Christmas decorations for our classrooms and other Christmas related crafts.



Geography/ History

In the first part of the half term we will be learning about the **United Kingdom**. We will learn that the UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and we will learn the names of the capital cities of the UK.

We will be using maps to help us locate key locations within the country. We will look at different settlement types such as villages, towns and cities and make some comparisons between these. We will learn about the counties of England as well as doing some research on Scotland and Wales.

In the later part of the Autumn term, will begin learning about life in this country before the Roman invasion. We will cover thousands of years of history from the **Stone Age to the Iron Age**. We will continue this topic in the Spring term.

Computing

This term the children will be developing their word processing skills through our class blogs. The children will learn how to post their own blog entries and to comment on each other's work.

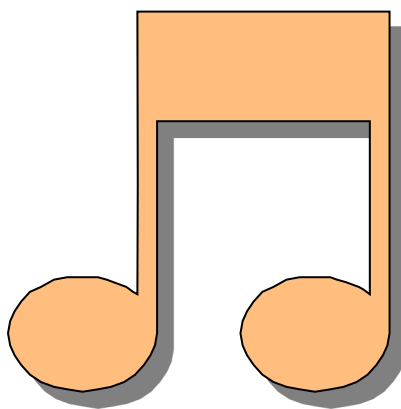
As part of our blogging work, we will also cover basic keyboard and typing skills such as using capital letters **using the shift or caps lock keys, and the correct use of the space bar.**

The children will also experiment with selecting **different fonts and changing their size, style and colour.**

They will learn how to import pictures to support their written work.

We will also be learning how to use the internet for research. We will be using this to support our work in finding out information for our English work as well as in other subjects such as Science, Geography and History. We will also cover E-Safety.

SUBJECT NEWS



RE

Our RE themes for the Autumn term are;

The Christian Family

Mary, Mother of God

See separate sheet for detail.

Music

This half term Year 3 will have the opportunity to learn how to play the recorder. They will learn how to read music and to play new notes. Learning a new instrument is quite a challenge, so it is important that your child practices at home to consolidate their learning.

The children also attend Hymn Practice each week, which helps develop their singing skills.

Physical Education

We will begin our P.E. lessons by ensuring that the children understand the **safety rules** required during P.E. and follow them carefully.

The focus of indoor P.E. lessons this term will be coordination and gymnastic skills.

In outdoor P.E. we will be learning focussing on football skills this half term. The children will then apply these skills when playing small games in pairs and as part of a team.



Homework

Homework tasks are given to support your child's learning. It is important that all children are given support with all their homework; this includes learning to spell the words on their weekly spelling list. Please can you ensure you comment and sign the homework card in the folder.

***3C Outdoor PE: Monday
Indoor PE: Tuesday***

***3D Indoor PE: Tuesday
Outdoor PE: Wednesday***

Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit at all times. P.E. kit should be brought to school every Monday and should not be taken home until Friday.