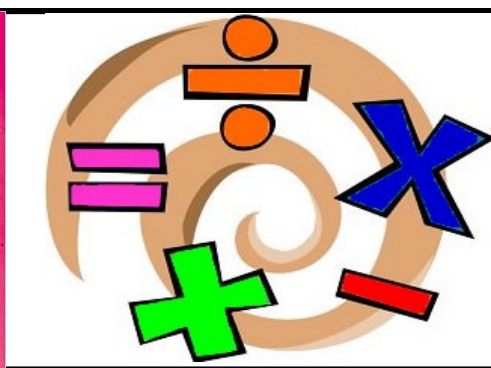
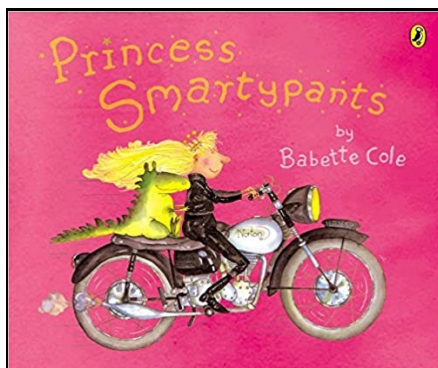
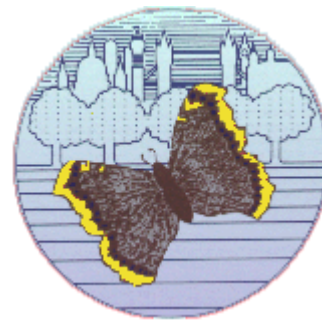


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CURRICULUM NEWS

FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY– Autumn 2021



English

We will start the year recapping on some of the key spelling and grammar content we covered in Year 2 whilst learning about the UK Royal Family. We will start regularly practicing our joined handwriting skills. We will also do whole class reading on a daily basis.

Our first main topic 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 also be learning some Anansi stories including '*Anansi and the Turtle*'. Our final book topic this term will be *The Tear Thief* which includes poetical language including similes.

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 continuing to practice 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 regularly at home along with their times tables.

Science

Our topic this 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. The next topic will be '*Animals. And Humans*'. We will learn about the different food groups and the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. We will also learn about food eaten by other animals. We will learn about human and animal skeletons and how the muscles are needed for movement

OUR FOUNDATION



Art and D&T

We will link our Art work to our current topics in English, RE and History and Geography.

Our first art topic will be linked to the season of Autumn and focusing on leaves. Our second topic will be on insects linked to our Science topic. There will also be opportunities for the children to develop their painting and the term we will be making some lovely Christmas decora-



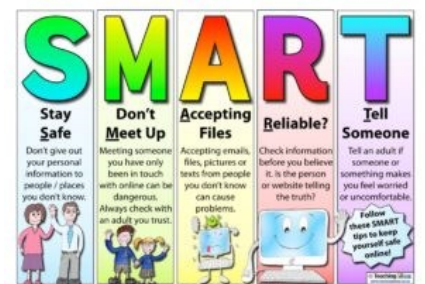
tions for our classrooms and other Christmas related crafts.

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 (London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast). We will be using maps to help us locate key places within the country. This will include finding the location of key cities such as Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool etc. We will write fact files for each of the four countries including information about their population, rivers, mountains and interesting landmarks. We will also be looking at the British Royal Family which links with our English text on Princess Smartypants and also British Values. We will also be marking

Computing

This term the children learning about e-safety and understanding the rules and dangers when using the internet. The children will do research and then use this to make posters.



Please talk to your child about the Importance of keeping safe online.

This term we will also do work developing our word processing and coding skills.

SUBJECT NEWS



RE

Our RE themes for the Autumn term are;

The Christian Family

Students will learn about the Christian family that they belong and the process of baptism.

Mary, Mother of God

Please discuss with the children the importance of Mary within our faith.



Reading at Home

It is essential that the children practice their reading skills at home on a daily basis. Each child has a yellow reading diary. Please could you ensure that you use this each day to record that you've heard your child read. As well as helping your child improve their reading fluency, try to spend some time talking about the book to check your child is understanding the story or text fully. This will help your child with their reading comprehension skills.

Online Homework

Homework tasks are given to support your child's learning. Letters will be sent home shortly which will give all the information you need to log on to the relevant websites including My Maths, Times Table Rockstars and Spag.com.

P.E

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 Dance. They will learn to create dance routines working in small groups. In outdoor P.E. we will be 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. Some children will be chosen to represent the school at a Year 3 football competition. Each Wednesday the children will take part in the Daily Mile so they will need to wear trainers to school that day. 3D should bring their school shoes in a bag.

Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit.

3C and 3D both have indoor PE on Mondays this term.

3C have outdoor PE on Wednesdays.

3D have outdoor PE on Fridays.