

# 3B Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2024



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## Welcome back!

Welcome back Year 3, and I hope that you have all enjoyed your summer holidays, despite the lack of sunshine! I am looking forward to teaching you all again in Year 3 this year! If you have any concerns please feel free to book an appointment with me after school or catch me at the gates after school.

## Don't Forget:

PE will take place on Wednesdays each week, and every other week we will have an additional 30 minutes of P.E. on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child is coming into school in their PE kit. Please make sure that all jewellery is removed before coming to school. We do ask that you ensure that your child is reading at least 3 times per week. Remember to also discuss the reading book with your book and what they have learnt at school that day to reinforce their learning. Spellings and Arithmetic skills will be tested every week and we will be placing a big focus on the quick recall of times tables.

## English:

In English we will be writing a story based on the text 'Dear Greenpeace.' We will also be researching 'Plastic Sucks' and will use this text to write a letter to the Prime Minister about Plastic Pollution. We will also have weekly grammar lessons to support children's application of grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will end by looking at poems about Earth and have a go at writing our own poem.



## Maths:

This half term we will be continuing our mastery approach, using Red Rose Maths. We will be focusing on: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. We will cover a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions. Children must complete their weekly Maths homework to embed their mathematical skills. We do ask that children practise their times tables regularly using 'Hit the button.' We are preparing the children for their national Year 4 times tables test.

## Science:

Our topic this term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be identifying the different food groups and investigating the benefits of eating a balanced diet. We will be comparing skeletons in both humans and animals and highlighting their similarities and differences. We will look at the effect that exercise has on our body and how our body changes as we develop.

## Modern Foreign Language—French:

In French we will be learning French greetings and phrases. We will listen to French songs to help us develop our French vocabulary and improve our pronunciation.



## Computing:

Our topic this term is 'typing'. We will be learning how to sit correctly whilst using a computer with a keyboard. We will then move on to touch typing. Children will learn how to correctly use a keyboard adopting the correct fingers for typing.



## P.E.:

Our topic in P.E. this half term is 'Netball.' We will be practising different kinds of passes and learning how to move into different spaces to receive a ball.

We will also be developing our skills to pass a ball to a player in space.



## R.E.:

Within our R.E. topic this half-term we will be learning about Harvest and looking at how Christians celebrate Harvest all over the world. We will compare how this differs to the Jewish celebration of 'Sukkot.'



## P.S.H.E.:

In PSHE we will be discussing the different feelings and emotions people experience, and how emotions can change. We will also understand how to be a kind friend to everyone.

## Art:

In Art we will be investigating famous Roman frescos. We will look at the different drawing techniques. By the end of the term we will be creating our very own mini Fresco tile.

## Music:

Our focus will be 'Glockenspiel songs'. We will be learning the basic instrumental skills by playing tunes in various styles.

## Geography:

In Geography we will be naming and locating counties and cities within the United Kingdom. We will complete this by using a range of maps and globes. We will describe and understand the key aspects of human and physical Geography within our local area and compare these to Rome.

## History:

In History we will be looking at the achievements of the Early Civilisations. We will then compare the achievements of each civilisation making comparisons between them.

## D.T.:

In DT, following on from our 'Healthy Eating' Science Topic, we will be designing and making our very own healthy, nutritional sandwiches.