



Year 3 Curriculum overview – Autumn Term 2021

English

In English this term we will be looking at a series of topics including stories with familiar settings and writing our own setting descriptions. The children should be able to use expanded noun phrases correctly in their work, which are two adjectives together separated by a comma. They will also learn the terms adverb, preposition, conjunction, prefix, suffix, relative clause and direct speech.

Later in the term we will be reading Play scripts and writing our scripts adding in stage directions and narration.

We will also begin writing simple reports. Handwriting is a large focus and we will continue to consolidate the children's letter formation, following the school kinetic letter scheme.

Spelling and spelling patterns will also be learnt with ten spelling being sent home each week.

Maths

By the end of the Autumn term children should be confident with place value up to one thousand and should be able to order numbers correctly. They will be able to add and subtract two and three digit numbers and solve simple problems using their knowledge of number. They will also be able to multiply and divide using the 3, 4, 5, and 8 times tables. Again the children will learn to use their knowledge of multiplication and division facts to solve a range of problems. Throughout the term the children will continue to complete calculations with accuracy.

Reading

During reading sessions this term we will be exploring a range of texts, answering questions about them. We will use questions where the answer can be easily found in the text as well as answers where the reader will need to have a greater understanding of what the text is inferring. Children will also widen their vocabulary and develop their fluency, accuracy and comprehension skills.

Religious Education

In RE we will learn about the creation story and what it tells us about God and the things that he created. We will discuss the fall of Adam and Eve and why they were tempted to do the wrong thing and how this changed things for them.

Later in the term we will learn about Jewish festivals and family life and how they show matters to Jewish people.

History

Our History focus will be looking at the Stone Age era through to the Iron Age era. Children will learn about the different types of houses, food and clothing. We will also be focusing on how people changed from being hunters and gatherers to early farmers. We will discuss what they used as early tools and if they settled down or moved around and if so why? Throughout the topic we will be looking to answer the question – What was the most important of the three ages we have studied and why?

Physical Education

During our Tuesday PE lessons, we will be working outdoors to develop football skills and later netball skills. This term we are also going to be doing gymnastics and dance during our indoor slots on Friday. Please ensure that all earrings are taken out or covered and that long hair is tied up. Please make sure that PE kits are in school, including suitable footwear such as trainers or pumps.

Art and Design

In Art and design the children will learn about prehistoric art and be introduced to cave art. They will develop their sense of proportion and use a range of materials while drawing including charcoal. Children will have a go at making their own paints from nature to help them to draw and complete a picture. Finally, the children will use their pictures from previous lessons to paint their pictures.

Science

In science we will be learning all about rocks:

- Identifying different types of rocks.
- Identifying what they are used for.
- How they are formed.
- How fossils are formed.

We will also be identifying different types of soil.

Later in the term we will be learning about the human body and those of animals, discussing what nutrient is needed for us and animals to stay healthy and exploring the different types of skeleton.

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French

This term we will be continuing to have weekly French lessons in school. We will be covering the following units in French:

- Greetings
- Basic nouns
- Counting to 10
- Classroom objects
- Saying our age
- Colours

Computing

This half term we will firstly be focusing on sending and receiving emails, including how to attach images and documents to an email. The children will learn how to be a responsible citizen by thinking about the contents of what is being sent.

Secondly we will be taking journey inside the computer. Finding out what ingredients are needed to make a computer and how a computer works. They will learn about the various parts of the computer and that computers follow instructions. They will find out about the similarities and differences between computers and be able to label the components correctly.

Geography

In Geography we will be doing a case study on the UK. We will explore the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and the physical features that can be found in each country. Children in year 3 will have opportunities for atlas and map work as well as online digital mapping within this unit. They will also focus on where in the UK Stourbridge is located and the difference between villages, towns and cities within the UK.

Design Technology

This term the children will learn about food and where in the world different food come from. They will understand why some food have to be imported to our country from others around the world. Throughout the term the children will learn that some foods are seasonal and therefore may not be available all the year round. Finally, the children will design and make their own seasonal tart using fruits or vegetables.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (including Relationships Education)

In PSHE this term we will be focusing on how we can be a good friend and what helps us to be a good friend. We will also think about what would happen if we or our friend were upset and how we can solve any problems we may have. We will also be thinking about what keeps us safe and will discuss different scenarios and what we would do in each one to make sure that everyone remained safe.