

YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful October half term. It was lovely meeting you all during Parents' Evening and your continued support is enormously appreciated. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and I am incredibly proud of how well they have settled into class. We are very lucky to have Mrs Caldwell working with us to support us this half term, and Mr Lewandowski will be delivering PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

In English this half term, we will be reading a variety of cross-curricular books linking to prehistory – from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will use high quality children's literature to continue practising our reading and comprehension skills, as well as to inspire some vivid character descriptions, narrative stories and non-fiction writing. We will continue to begin lessons with grammar starters, recapping prior learning and covering some new Year 3 objectives. We will also continue to read as much and as widely as possible, encouraging reading for pleasure both in our classroom mini library and our KS2 library. Please listen to your child read as much as possible and ask them questions to deepen their understanding in order to support them in developing their reading and writing skills. Please send their reading folder into school daily so that we can listen to them read more frequently too.

In maths this half term, we will continue with our addition and subtraction topic – moving from concrete materials to using written, column methods. Following this, we will start working on multiplication and division. Again, we will begin by using concrete materials to help us understand the operations, before moving into standard written methods. Throughout all work, there will be a problem solving and reasoning focus where the children can apply their learning. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My door is always open!

Mrs Brooke



Important Days

Daily: Reading books and reading records are needed

Tuesday: PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday: Spelling Test

Important Dates

Monday 13th November
Odd Socks Day - £1 donation for Anti-bullying Week

Monday 20th November
Final day to donate an Advent Calendar for SVP foodbank

Monday 27th November
History Enquiry Day

Thursday 30th November
Bring greenery for wreath making

Friday 1st December
Woolly Hat Appeal and Refugee Christmas presents

Friday 1st December 2pm
Year 3 Advent Workshop

Sunday 3rd December 11am
Family Mass in church

Wednesday 6th December
Pantomime

Friday 8th December
Bring a chocolate bar for the Christmas Fair
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 13th December
Flu vaccines

Friday 15th December 2.30
Christmas Fair

Monday 18th December 5pm
Key Stage 2 Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December
Sponsored reindeer run

Wednesday 20th December
Year 3 lead Jesse Tree worship

Thursday 21st December
Christmas party day

Friday 22nd December
Non uniform day
Whole School Mass at 9.30am
Carols in the hall at 2.30pm
School Closes

