

# Year 3 Curriculum News Autumn 2019

Our history enquiry questions this term are:

- Term 1 – How did the lives of Ancient Britons change during the Stone Age?
- Term 2 – How do artefacts help us to understand the lives of the people in Iron Age Britain?

## **English**

To start our English work this term, we will be focusing on the book Gorilla and writing a range of different sentences about this. Then, the children will be learning how to write instructions about how to wash a woolly mammoth. They will learn about imperative verbs and how to order instructions correctly so they make sense to the reader. After, the children will move onto a story unit about a little boy who is transported to the Stone Age. They will use their knowledge from history lessons and creative language to add description to their writing. To end the term, the children will be writing a non-chronological report on an animal focusing on how to structure their writing correctly and use different types of sentences.

## **Mathematics**

To start the term, the children will continue to build their knowledge of place value. This will include moving onto learning about three digit numbers and how to partition these in different ways. Also, the children will learn the value of the different parts of these numbers which will help them place numbers on a number line accurately. This will then support the children with their learning on addition and subtraction and how they can be accurate when using three digit numbers and these operations. To end the term, we will move onto starting to learn about multiplication and division and how these operations can be used together.

## **Science**

Our science work before half term will be focused on animals including humans. As part of this topic, the children will learn about the essential things any living creature needs to survive. Also, they will learn about the skeleton and muscles humans have and how these two parts of our body work together. After half term, we will be focused on how to carry out a science experiment focusing on the language being used and how to make their test fair.

## **Art / DT**

Within DT this term, the children will be learning about healthy eating and then transferring this knowledge to designing and making their own soup recipe. They will taste a range of different flavours and then decide what they would like to put in their soup design. In their art work, the children will be focusing on the artist LS Lowry and learning all about how to sketch a scene with buildings and people which will also support children with their geography unit in the spring term.

## Computing

To start the term, the children will explore how to use the computers. They will learn how to login and log off correctly and learn how to find the useful programmes they will need throughout the year. Also, we will be teaching the children to use a coding programme to direct a character using specific directions and use their problem solving skills to debug a code to understand what is wrong.

## History

The focus for history this term is Stone Age to Iron Age. The children will learn about when these different periods of time were and the changes they made in the world. They will learn about how people lived in these times and compare this to our lives now. Pictures and artefacts will be used to explore this time and how we know about the people that were alive then. Later in the term, there will be a visitor coming to see the children to talk about how their local area changed during this period in history as well.

## P.E.

Children will practise their coordination skills and learn some floor movement patterns using different parts of their bodies. They will learn how to apply the skills they have learnt to game situations and learn to about being cooperative when playing.

## P.S.H.E.

We follow the Jigsaw scheme across the school. This term, the first theme that will be covered is 'Being me in my World' which focuses on children learning about themselves and how they act can affect others. Then, the second theme for this term 'Celebrating Differences' which focuses on understanding that everyone is different and how we can deal with this in day to day life.

## R.E.

The theme for this term is Hinduism which will look in depth at where Hinduism starts and look at the gods worshiped. Later in the term, the children will learn about the festivals Hindus celebrate and how these compare to Christian celebrations. They will also be learning a Christmas Nativity show which they will be performing to parents in the first week of December.

## Music

This term the children will be learning how to play the ukulele. a specialist teacher from NMPAT will be spending an hour a week with the children for ten weeks. At the end of their session, the children will be performing for parents so watch out for a date later in the second half term.

## Homework

The children will be set weekly homework every **Friday** which needs to be completed and handed in by the next **Wednesday**. The children will get:

- A maths task – this will be some pages to complete in the year 3 Collins maths book which you child will receive. Children will write in their planners which pages they need to complete each week.
- Spellings – children will have one sheet to complete each week linked to the HeadStart spelling scheme we use.
- Children need to practise on the Rock Stars website as much as possible – their login for this will be written in their planner.
- Reading – at least 3 times a week and recorded in the planner. Teacher will check planners each week to ensure children are reading at home.

There will be a lunchtime homework club available for children who do not complete their homework at home.

## Important Dates

- Individual school photos – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- £11 for Irchester trip – by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- £20 for Whitemoor deposit – by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Reading parent event – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9:00-9:30, look out for a letter about this
- Irchester Trip – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> (3NM and 3CG) or Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (3NH and 3MW)
- October half-term – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Back to school – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Pantomime – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – day time and evening nativity performance
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – day time nativity performance
- Year 3 and 4 Awards Assembly – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## PE Days

PE days are as follows:

- 3NM - Monday and Thursday
- 3MW - Monday and Thursday
- 3CG - Monday and Wednesday
- 3NH - Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that PE kit is in school every day and that they have their outside PE kit with them ready for the warm weather.

As well as these sessions, each class will endeavour to complete a 'daily mile' on the playground at least 3 times a week.