

I HAVE NO SPECIAL  
TALENTS. I AM ONLY  
PASSIONATELY  
**CURIOUS**  
-ALBERT EINSTEIN



Class 3  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2 2016



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Our curriculum theme is “Enquiring Minds” which encourages asking lots of questions to help us in our learning. On **Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will be visiting the Hull and East Riding Museum, linked to our topic of the Stone Age. Towards the end of this term we will be preparing for the Christmas Carol Concert, and it will be great to see you all there on either **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** or **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a quick chat or arrange a time to meet.

**Mrs Illott and Mrs Sawyer**



In **English** lessons, we have begun the term reading ‘The Hodgeheg’ by Dick King-Smith.

We are using this text to learn how to use apostrophes. We will be starting to use fronted adverbials in our writing, e.g. Later that night, Max began his adventure. We will also be working on using inverted commas to punctuate speech. We will be reading ‘Littlenose’ by John Grant as a whole class text which links with our history topic this half term. The children will continue with their weekly spelling test and investigation.



During **Maths** lessons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction – working calculations out mentally and moving on to using formal written methods. The pupils will be estimating answers and using the inverse to check. On Thursday and Fridays we will be recalling and using multiplication and division facts. Year 4 will be using factors, multiplying by 0 and 1 and dividing by 1. The children still need to practise telling the time to the nearest minute. The KIRF challenge for this half term is learning the four times table for Year 3 and the seven times table for Year 4.

Our **RE** topic is “Why do some people think Jesus is inspirational?” We will be looking at examples of the life and teaching of Jesus as well as understanding some reasons why Christians think Jesus is inspirational. Towards the end of the term we will be looking at the Christmas story.



Our **PSHCE** this term is linked to the national “Anti-bullying week.” The children will be thinking about ways they are powerful, encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying.



In **French** Year 3 will learn simple instructions as well as asking for and giving their name. Year 4 will learn the French names for some zoo animals and simple adjectives as well as revise vocabulary learned in Year 3. We will also be looking at some French Christmas vocabulary.



For **Music**, the children will continue with their ukulele lessons on Wednesday mornings with Mr Rossiter.



In **History**, we will be looking at the Stone Age, in particular focusing on hunter gatherers and early farmers.

We’ll be finding out about the first people to live in Britain, their achievements and their way of life. Our key question is “What was ‘new’ about the New Stone Age?”

In **Computing** we will continue to practise saving and retrieving work to the network and develop our word processing skills. We will be devising a moving picture in scratch and use the internet for research.



In **Science**, we will be learning about nutrition, skeletons and muscles through practical investigations, observations and research.

Linked to our curriculum theme and science work, in **Design and Technology**, we will be investigating how healthy cold drinks are. We will be combining a range of ingredients to make a new drink, thinking about nutrition, cost, flavours and textures.



**PE** lessons for this half term will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Dance will take place on Tuesday afternoon in the hall. Games lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon. We will have PE lessons outside as often as possible so tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt can be brought into school as the weather gets colder. PE kit needs to be in school all half term. We will only send kit home if it needs a wash.



Mon: Homework to be handed in (fortnightly). Return ukulele.

Tues: Dance

Wed: Fortnightly homework to go home. Ukulele lesson. KIRF Challenge. Spelling test and new spellings sent home.

Thurs: Reading Records checked.

Fri: PE



