



Reading:

Class Texts: Secrets of the Sun King

In our guided reading lessons we will be working on our reading skills. We will be using inference, retrieval and predicting skills as well as looking much more deeply into the meaning of words a writer has chosen to use and what impact this has on the meaning of the text.



Writing: We will be reading a range of texts, these will differ from fiction and non-fiction. Our opening book will be a traditional tale with a twist - The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We will be working towards writing our own version of the story. As like Year 2 we will be following Jane Considine's scheme which allows us to be extremely creative and hands on with our English work. We will write a diary entry from the perspective of the Big Bad Wolf and include some drama activities too. Towards the second part of Autumn term we will be focusing on poetry. The children will be given more autonomy in their writing where they will be able to choose which season they want to base their poem on.



RE: What is the Trinity—core.



History: We will be exploring the Stone Age and Iron Age this term exploring how life changed over time and how people used trade to exchange items. We will explore the settlements and differences in daily life. We will spend time looking at the foods that the Prehistoric settlers would have eaten and how they would have gathered their food.



Geography: We will spend the first part of autumn term focusing on history so will begin our geography topic after half term. We will be focusing on mountains across the world. We will look at different types of mountains and how they are formed. As part of this topic we will be conducting some virtual fieldwork as we take a trip to Everest Basecamp.



Homework and Expectations:

Reading: To be done at least 5 times per week with an adult.
Spellings: one task to be completed each night. Spelling test to be done every Friday.
Homework: To be back in school by Monday each week.



Science: Our first science topic of Year 3 is Light. We will discover what a light source is, how shadows are made and we will categorise materials based on their transparency. In the second half of autumn term we will move onto discovering more about our bodies, focusing specifically on diet and nutrition.



Computing: Our first topic we will look at will be online e-safety. Looking at how to stay safe online and how to recognise potential dangers online. Children will look at how to use computing devices safely.



PHSE: This term in PHSE we will begin with doing lots of activities around relationships. We will be working hard on our relationships with our peers and ensure that we are always kind and caring towards others. We will be doing lots of team work activities. Our second unit is families and healthy relationships.

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Visits/Events: TBC



Challenge:

Create your own prehistoric tool that could help you to build something or hunt for food.



Our Staff: Miss Riley,
Mrs Eardley (M, T, W, Th 9-10:30)
Mrs Bailey (Tuesday pm)
Mr Nixon (Wednesday PE)
Mrs Barnett (RE Friday pm)
Mrs Hughes - Entrust music



Maths: We will continue to work up on applying and refreshing our KS1 mathematical understanding. We will begin Year 3 by focusing on place value. In year 3 the children will begin to use 3 digit numbers and will get a deep understanding of the value of each number up to 1000. In the second part of the autumn term we will begin to introduce the four main operations. We will begin by focusing on addition and subtraction by using our mental arithmetic skills to help us with the formal written methods of addition and subtraction. In our maths lessons we will begin each topic using lots of manipulatives to ensure that we have a good understanding of a concept before we move onto more abstract forms. Mrs Bailey will also be using some of her time on a Tuesday afternoon to cover some other aspects of maths. She will be focusing on shape and measurement beginning with length and perimeter.



Art: In our art lessons this term we will be looking closely at prehistoric art and linking this to line drawings of animals native to the UK. We will be using pencil to develop our shading techniques and will be focusing on using basic shapes to help us to improve our use of proportion.



D&T: In our D&T lessons this term we will be researching and creating our own recipe to eventually create our own fruit tart. To support our history topic we will also be designing and constructing our own castle. We will look at the features of a castle and what their importance was.



French:



Music: On a Tuesday morning we are very fortunate to have Mrs Hughes from Entrust music service join us to teach us how to play the violin. We will also learn lots of new songs throughout the year too.



PE: PE will be every Monday. Children should come to school in their PE kit on a Monday. We will do PE for the entire afternoon split between myself and Mr Nixon. Our units in PE for this term are, footballs, dance, indoor athletics and orienteering.



Year 3 News: Welcome to Year 3! I hope that you've all had a great summer and are looking forward to starting your journey into key stage 2. In key stage 2 we encourage the children to be much more independent and to take more responsibility for the presentation of their work and belongings. Many children have now moved onto our Accelerated Reader reading scheme. Children must still read at home with an adult, when they have finished a book they will complete a short quiz in school to consolidate their understanding. The children need to be achieving 85% or more to pass the quiz. PE is on a Monday and will now be all afternoon split between myself and Mr Nixon. Children must not wear any jewelry on PE days. If you have any questions feel free to message o Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as I can.