



Year 3

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Year 3. In this update you will find out what your child will be learning this term. PE days will be on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit to change into. We will be attending Archway library this term and more details will follow. Please ensure Doodle homework is completed with your child. It is important that they are reading daily for at least 20 minutes. Reading has astonishing benefits including improved focus, increased vocabulary and helps develop a super imagination!

English -Writing

Year 3 is reading *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. We will be writing a letter in character and also writing an exciting story about turning into different animals and describing the dramatic changes.

In Year 3 we are really focusing on using full sentences so please ask your children to share sentence rules and discuss their ideas! We will develop our ideas in lessons, study models and think carefully about interesting vocabulary we can use. We will then develop our drafting and editing skills.

English -Reading

Linked to our writing, Year 3 will continue reading *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. Our reading skills are really improving and we are becoming retrieval superstars! We will read, listen to and discuss the events and the characters in the book and complete a range of activities in class.

Other children in Year 3 are carrying on with their Phonics and are already showing great progress. Your child should bring home their Phonics book and read it with you every night.

Maths

In the opening two weeks of this half term in Maths, we will be focusing on solidifying our knowledge of addition and subtraction. The children will be practicing exchanging numbers using column method, which will be important for their assessments. Following this, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, using both mental and formal written methods to solve problems.

The children will also be refreshing their memory of fractions, ensuring they are feeling confident when answering fraction-related questions during their end of term assessment. We will have a full week at the end of the term to recap any prior learning and we get plenty of practice in answering reasoning questions.

Science

Our science topic this half term is a very exciting one as we are looking at Forces and Magnets. This will give us the chance to explore and investigate magnets and forces. We will be working as a scientist to explore how forces need contact between 2 objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance. We will discuss how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some material and not other materials. We will describe how magnets have 2 poles which are the north pole and the south pole and make predictions about which poles will attract or repel each other depending on which way they are facing. Finally, we will create or own games using magnets.

Music

In Music, children will learn to create simple rhythmical patterns using a small range of notes. They will then begin to join simple layers of sound, to make a background rhythm or a solo melody. Children in Year 3 are learning to play the recorder and will learn to play different notes and follow different patterns of notes.

Homework

Spelling homework is given out weekly and children must complete their spellings. Children need to read at home every day, and write a comment in their reading diary. Doodle Maths and Spelling can be accessed and children should all aim to stay in the 'Green zone.'

History

This term, children will be learning about the fascinating history and culture of ancient China, focusing on the Shang Dynasty. They will start by exploring important Chinese symbols such as lanterns and learn about their meanings. Children will then place key events from the Shang Dynasty in chronological order, developing their understanding of historical terms such as **BC** and **AD**. They will compare what everyday life was like during this period with life today and will have the opportunity to write a diary entry from the point of view of someone living in the Shang Dynasty. Through drama and storytelling, children will explore significant events from this time and discuss how different sources can give us varying versions of history. They will also learn to question how reliable these sources are.

R.E.

In RE we will continue to look at what different religions believe about God and understanding the key aspects of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faith.

P.E.

This half term the child will use their own ideas and create their own movements to solve a task. They will also choose, evaluate and adapt sequences of movements to suit different situations. The children will also begin to identify different muscle groups and what they do.