

Year 3 2022-23 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the juniors! The class teacher in Year 3 is Mrs Holt, and the Teaching Assistant is Mrs Howorth.
If you would like to speak to any member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, or book an appointment through the school office.

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Maths

At St. Anne's we follow the mastery approach to teaching and learning mathematics. This ensures the children have a secure understanding of the methods and processes involved and can apply their knowledge.

We will cover:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Statistics
- Length and Perimeter
- Multiplication (times tables)
- Multiplication and Division
- 3D shape.

To help your child at home, it is useful to practise number bonds (knowing which number pairs add to 10, 20 and 100), times tables (2, 5, 10 and 3).

P.E:

In PE we will be receiving coaching in fundamental movement skills from the Rossendale Leisure Trust coaches. Next half term, the children will enjoy lessons with coach Liam. PE lessons will usually be taught on a Wednesday and may be indoors or outdoors. Please ensure correct PE kit is in school at all times.

Foundation Subjects

Our theme for this half term is "Our Local Area". We will be linking English lessons on the Lancashire Giant folk tale to local area studies in Geography and enjoying outdoor learning in our beautiful town and its surrounding countryside. Next half term our theme is based around the novel The Iron Giant. Children will learn about extreme earth events such as volcanoes and earthquakes, and we will create textile prints based on the illustrations from the book.

English

At the beginning of the term, we will be focusing on narrative, based on the local folk tale The Lancashire Giant. The children will develop a rich and varied vocabulary for describing characters and settings and write their own story about a magical wish. We will move on to focus on biographical writing, linking to inspirational people studied in our RE unit "Called by God".

After Half Term we will be moving on to study The Iron Man, with a focus on using more complex sentences and enriching vocabulary. Our next unit of work is writing persuasive letters, linked to our geography unit on living in volcanic regions. We will end the term with a themed poetry unit- all about Christmas! (Sorry...already!)

Children read regularly in school and have Guided Reading, Spelling and Grammar session several times per week with spelling tests on Fridays.

R.E

At the beginning of this half term, we will be focusing on the Christian festival of Harvest, how it was celebrated historically in churches and schools and comparing to modern celebrations. We will also look at the Jewish celebration of Sukkot, and where the festival originated. Our next unit of work focuses on people who have been called by God.

After the half term break, we will begin to study the Christmas story, and how it may have felt for the different characters living at the time.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE we will have opportunities for circle time and reflection as well as covering topics linked to the unit "Me and My Relationships". This involves looking at rules, how to be a good friend, and learning about different groups and communities we belong to before moving on to the unit "Valuing Differences", learning about respect and tolerance for others.

Things to remember:

- Homework will be set on Purple Mash each Monday, to be handed in by Friday, children can also ask for "hard copies".
- P.E. kits in school for P.E. at all times, taught on a Wednesday.
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes, please notify us of any issues.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, get a copy from the school office or school website.
- Check the School Facebook and Class 3 page on the website for photos, news and up to date learning which has taken place.
- Feel free to make an appointment to see me through the office to discuss any concerns you may have.

Science

Through our science lessons children will have plenty of opportunities to carry out practical activities and investigations to develop their skills in working scientifically. This half term we will be studying light and shadow. This unit builds on work carried out in the infants and develops understanding of light sources and how shadows are formed. Next half term, children will learn about forces, including investigating friction, and magnets, where we will learn about the different materials that are/are not magnetic, and the different poles of a magnet.

Computing

This half term we will be coding using Purple Mash. The children will learn lots of new vocabulary as well as using their coding skills to make objects on the computer change size, shape, colour, speed and direction. They will also use sound effects. Check out the 2Dos page for examples. We will learn about online safety, which is becoming increasingly important as children spend more time accessing technology.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible. As well as school readers, and books you already have, Oxford Owl is a website that can be accessed for free on a range of devices and has ebooks that the children will be familiar with, at a range of levels.
- It is important that children are able to recall their times tables. Initially we will focus on 2, 5 and 10 and their related division facts, before moving on to 3, 4 and 8.