



YEAR GROUP 3 **AUTUMN TERM 2021** **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break. We look forward to an exciting Autumn Term. Here is what we will be covering this term:

Maths	During the term, the children will be working on place value of 3 digit numbers, including regrouping; counting on and back in ones, tens and hundreds; estimation, rounding, mental fluency including addition and subtraction; finding fact families, written addition and subtraction, problem-solving, interpreting data, recognising angles, 2D shapes and perimeter. We will be learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables throughout the year and will be tested on these at the end of each week.
English	To begin our term, we will read a book called 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert N Munsch. We will be learning to use descriptive language to describe a setting and character; to understand the feelings of characters and write diary entries; to write a set of instructions; write and perform poetry; identify morals in fables and write our own and create non-chronological reports.
Geography	In the second half of the term, we will be doing a unit called Spatial Sense. This will build on children's learning from year 2. It will include learning about an eight-point compass, map work, and learning about both human and physical features.
History	In the first half of the term, we will learn about pre-historic Britain going from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will learn to place events on a timeline and learn about people's lives in the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. Towards the end of the unit, children will be able to compare life in each of these.
Science	In the first half of the term, children will learn all about Light and Shadow. They will be able to: identify light sources, explain how we need light to see, recognise how shadows are formed, recognise the dangers of the sun and much more! In the second half of the term, children will be learning all about Forces and Magnets. They will learn about: how things move on different surfaces, how magnetic forces act, how magnets attract and repel and find magnetic objects.
Art	In Art, the children will be finding out about pre-historic cave paintings. They will be sketching and painting cave paintings from Lascaux (France). In the second half of term, the children will be completing a Design Project, which will involve creating a Storybook with moving mechanisms.
RE	In RE, children will learn about Christianity and Islam. They will learn about the life of Muhammad and how this affects Muslims today. In the second half of the term, the children will explore how God can be described and the 99 beautiful names for Allah. They will then move on to explore the role of the Christmas

	Angels.
Computing	Children will learn Coding, Online safety and Spreadsheets units from Purple Mash.
PE	The children will be dancing, and then we will be moving on to gymnastics. Our PE lesson will take place every Friday afternoon.

PE- Year 3 are timetabled to do PE on a **Monday**. **They should come to school wearing their PE kits.** These should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs, and no jewellery should be worn unless faith-related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day, and they also have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of homework will be set half-termly, and children should strive to complete as many activities as possible; we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Year 3 Team