



Year 3's Autumn Curriculum Letter

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Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer. We would just like to say what a great impression the children have made in their first week back at school. We are sure they will do very well and relish being in KS2.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed of the work your child will be doing this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures. Also, to let you know that our door is always open if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child – just find either of us after school and we can make an appointment.

Our main topic this term is Stone Age to the Iron Age.

God Matters

This term we will be learning about: Creation; Harvest; Prayers, Saints and Feasts; Our Lady; Remembrance; All Saints and All Souls; Advent and Christmas.

Literacy

Literacy this term will be focussing on newspaper reports, stories from other cultures, stories by the same author, instructions and explanations and poetry. We will be learning and developing new writing skills, including new punctuation, grammar and spellings. Spellings will be sent home each Friday to be learnt and then tested the following Friday.

Numeracy

Maths this term will include place value, counting on, grouping, multiples of 10/100, mental strategies, multiplication facts, word problems, frequency tables, Venn diagrams, measuring length, metric units, time and much more!

Science

Our topics this term are 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Animals and Humans'.

ICT

Internet, PowerPoint, Coding

Design and Technology / Art

Cave paintings, designing a healthy food product.

History

We will be looking at what life was like for people living during the Stone Age/Iron Age period and making comparisons with our own lives.

School Trip

Later in the summer term, we will be taking the children on a trip to support our topic – In previous years; the cost has been around £20. We will give more details nearer the time.

PE/ Games

PE and Games will be taught on Monday and Wednesday afternoons respectively. Please ensure kit is available in school every day, labelled with your child's name and that pupils have tracksuit bottoms and trainers for the winter. Swimming in the Autumn Term is being arranged for a Monday and you will have received a separate letter about this.

Book Bags and Reading

All book bags should be in school every day to monitor home reading and for reading in school. Please make sure your child is reading regularly at home. We suggest that they read for 15-20 minutes a night. The reading journals should be signed at the end of each week by a parent / guardian and we will collect them in once a week to monitor and sign.

Homework

The children will bring home either a Numeracy or Literacy activity on Fridays, which is to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. They will have a home-learning book in which to put their completed activities. Your child should spend approximately 30 minutes on this homework. Please add any comments if you wish. Talk homework for Big Write will also be sent home regularly. Please encourage your child to discuss ideas for their Big Write.

Times Tables and Spellings

This year, there will be a big focus on times tables. The children will be expected to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables by the end of the year. The children will be having weekly times tables tests in class. Please encourage your child to practise their tables regularly at home. Also, once a week, the children will be doing big spellings. These may occasionally come home for the children to learn. They will work their way through the lists at their own pace in class.

Water and Fruit

Children should have a bottle of water in school every day. In year 3, children can bring in their own fruit snack for break time. Please remember we are a **nut free school**.

We look forward to meeting you at Parent's Evening in October. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask – We can usually be found on the playground at the end of the day! We hope that the children enjoy their time in Year 3 and look forward to contributing to their education.

Mrs Dayantis, Mrs Walls and Mrs Wooller