



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1A.

English:

Reading: We will be having four reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading the text and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing an approaching threat narrative for our fiction writing and an explanation text for how to capture the Iron Man for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lessons this half term, we will be working on the following:

Unit 1: Adding the prefixes dis- and in-.

Unit 2: Adding im- to root words beginning with m or p.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topic: number: place value.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Animals including Humans. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat
- identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Harvest. The aim of this topic is to explore further the meaning and purpose of Harvest Festival celebrations building on knowledge from KS1 and the Christian Values we will be exploring are thankfulness, joy and koinonia. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: Why do we celebrate harvest? How do we celebrate harvest? What do we celebrate at harvest? What are we actually giving thanks for? When do we celebrate harvest? Who celebrates the harvest? How is the harvest celebrated around the world? and Why is the harvest celebrated by everyone?

History:

Our History topic this half term is Ancient Egypt. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. Howard Carter gets a surprise.
2. How did the ancient Egyptians live?
3. How did ancient Egypt change over time?
4. What did the ancient Egyptians believe?
5. What did ancient Egyptians believe about death?
6. How did the ancient Egyptians write?

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Rivers. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. The mighty River Indus.
2. The changing River Indus.
3. How rivers get their water.
4. How a river shapes the land: the young river.
5. How a river shapes the land: the mature river.
6. Britain's longest river: the River Severn.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be

Invasion Games Football

Our PE day this half term will be a Monday.

Music:

In Music this half term we will be

Design Technology

This half term we will be following the process of design, make, evaluate for our cooking and nutrition topic linked to a healthy and varied diet.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Digital Citizenship: Digital Literacy as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Being Me in My World. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Getting to know each other

Our Nightmare School

Our Dream School

Rewards and Consequences

Our Learning Charter

Owning our Learning Charter

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

26th September: Meet the Teacher and European Day of Languages

29th September: Maths Party Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning

1st October - 31st October: Black History Month

11th October: Harvest Festival service in Church

4th - 10th October: World Space Week

6th October: National Poetry Day

10th October: World Mental Health Day

20th October: Show Racism the Red Card

24th October: UN Day

Church visits:

This half term, we will be going to Church on Wednesday 11th October for our Year 3 Harvest Festival service.