

Year 3 Autumn curriculum newsletter 2021



Reading	We will focus on comprehension skills by using VIPERS to identify what the questions wants us to know. We will focus on vocabulary and inference in particular, this term.
Writing	Our first fiction unit will be a finding tale linked to dragons. Our non-fiction writing will include writing instructions for caring for our dragon.
Spelling and handwriting	There will be a different spelling pattern to learn each week as well as our statutory Y3/4 vocabulary. We will also have the chance to recap on the Y1/2 patterns and vocabulary. In our handwriting, we will be focussing on getting the correct size and orientation, as well as joining our letters correctly.
Grammar	We will be revising learning from Y2 and focussing on using noun phrases, expanded noun phrase and conjunctions to expand our sentences.
Maths	Place value and understanding number will be the driving force for our Maths this term. We will also be looking at how visual representations can help us with our mathematical understanding. We will then apply them to developing our addition and subtraction skills.
Science	Rocks and soils will be our unit of work for the Autumn term. We will learn about the different types of rocks and how they are used. Fossils will also be looked at. We will also be looking at different types of soil and how they link to rocks.
PSHE	Mental health and wellbeing will be at the forefront in the Autumn term with lots of time to discuss and ask questions relating to our emotions and state of mind. Our daily check ins and weekly short stories will help us understand ourselves a little more. We will also be working on understanding our relationships with others and how our actions can influence those around us.
History/ Geography	We will be learning about Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will make comparisons between the different ages and decide which was better based on their achievements.
Art	This term's art focus is Stone Age cave art. We will be developing our sketching skills and use of charcoal and pastel to replicate some of the designs.
PE	This term we will be working with Hannah on our cheerleading and gymnastic skills. We will also focus on the importance of warm ups and cool downs, for our bodies.

Important information and notices



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer has absolutely flown and we are now back to school starting the exciting new academic year ahead. I hope you had some fun and restful times with family and friends. As always, we have a busy term coming with new routines and expectations to get used to, but I know your children will settle in quickly and enjoy the challenges Y3 has to offer! I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming term.

A few reminders:

Practising the weekly spelling using a variety of techniques and revising the spelling patterns will help not only to perform in the test but apply the spelling patterns in written work too.

Keep reading regularly – minimum of four times a week – as reading is so important to all areas of learning. The children need to read both their colour banded books and ‘reading for pleasure’ books from the library or home. They can log into Active Learn ‘Bug Club’ online to read colour banded books and complete tasks related to them.

Homework will be set every week: Monday-Monday. This will be set via Google Classroom. There will be no need to hand in a homework book each week as work will be marked online. The children may have to log into Deepening Understanding or Classroom Secrets Kids to then complete the tasks. The task will be marked automatically and give the children feedback on their work.

We will continue to use Google Classroom and class emails for lots of different things such as challenges, sharing some of their work and giving certificates, so the children need to be able to log on, to find tasks and upload their work weekly.

It is essential that Y3 children know all of the multiplication and division facts for 2,5,10 (Y2 expectations) and 3, 4, 8 (Y3 expectations). Keep working hard on Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button, Mathszone games and any other sites that support quick recall of times table and division facts.

PE will be on Tuesdays for Autumn 1. Children can come to school in their PE kit (school t-shirt, shorts and a black, navy or grey tracksuit).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at class3@tgps.uk and I will be able to respond accordingly.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards
Miss L Beale