

YEAR 3 BLOG - Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the Summer break.

English

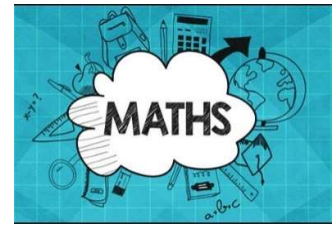
In English this term the children will be studying the texts 'Stone Age Boy,' 'Skara Brae,' 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and the poem 'Autumn is Here.' This will include a narrative story, a holiday brochure, a piece of poetry and a traditional tale.

Challenges:

- * Create your own story based on an event that took place over the summer holiday.
- * Create a travel brochure based on a place you have visited in the past.

Maths

Our primary focus the first half term in maths will be on number. The children will practice and develop their understanding of place value and then move on to looking at addition and subtraction methods, consolidating their knowledge of place value. In Autumn 2 the children will continue looking at multiplication and division before recapping our addition and subtraction strategies. Towards the end of the term, we will look at fractions and time.



Challenges:

- * Create your own addition and subtraction place value chart and counters from paper.
- * Create a fact file explaining the steps for using the formal written methods for the four operations.

History and Geography



In History, we will look at our topic 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age'. The children will learn about the Bronze and Iron Ages. The children will learn about the Stone Age and how we have adapted over time developing and using new tools and methods

Our Geography this term will focus on climate zones.

We will look at key physical and human geography and compare human settlements and why they passed through certain lands. We will also look at the position and significance of latitude, the equator, the Northern Hemisphere, the Southern Hemisphere, The Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Arctic and the Antarctica Circle.

Challenges:

- * Can you create a 3D structure like Stonehenge?
- * Use an atlas to find out the names of the counties and major cities in the UK?

Science

This half term the children will be learning about rocks and fossils, in particular, the different types of rocks and their uses, and the formation of fossils. In Autumn 2, the children will be learning about forces, frictions and magnets.

Challenges:

- * In your garden or if you visit a local park, investigate what rocks you can find.*
- * Choose your favourite moving toy and investigate what forces are used for it to move*



Computing

This half term will be learning about the inputs, processes and outputs of digital devices and in Autumn 2 we will look at animation.

Challenges:

- * Investigate which devices at home are digital or not digital and identify what the process of the device is.*
- * Research and create a leaflet focusing on how animations are made.*

PE

Our PE lessons are on **Friday's** for both **Ash and Beech class**. Children will now have double PE that is split into an indoor and outdoor session. In their indoor sessions, the children will be focusing on multi-skills and boot camp. In their outdoor sessions, they will focus on fitness through dance and music. Earrings should be removed for P.E. so please remove them before your child comes to school or send them in with tape, this will need to be applied themselves. Please also ensure your child arrives to school in their correct PE kit and has a refillable water bottle and suitable shoes – trainers as most learning will take place outside.

Challenges:

- * Create your own dance based on the hornpipe that lasts 5 minutes.*
- * Practise your ball throwing skills with a partner.*

Art and Design Technology

In Design and Technology, the children will practise their problem-solving skills, planning and designing skills. Children will be looking at Stone Age settlements and shelters and then designing and creating their own. In Art, we will practise creating tonal colours with paints for our own creations based on Stonehenge.

Challenges:

- * Can you create a 3D model of Skara Brae?*
- * Create a tonal picture using colouring pencils based on the Bronze Age.*

Music

Our music topic is called Environment. Children will be learning songs and poems about places and creating accompaniments and sounds connected to their local environment. In Autumn 2, our music topic is all about sounds and exploring how sounds are made. Children will be learning how to make vocal patterns and sing in two-part harmonies.



Challenges:

- * *Create your own song.*
- * *What objects at home can you use to make music?*

Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education and Religious Education (RE)

In PSHE, we will be focusing on understanding our place in the world, with topics such as recognising our self-worth, how to face new challenges positively and make responsible choices. In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on celebrating our differences and what makes us

In RE we will be studying what different people believe about God, in particular in the Christian, Hindu and Muslim Faiths. In Autumn 2, we will be exploring why people pray and why festivals are important to religious communities.

Challenges:

- * *Create a poster about what makes you special.*
- * *Write a leaflet explaining all about Diwali.*

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)



The children will begin to learn French this half term and will start by learning simple phrases such as how to say their name and how old they are. The children will continue learning French this half term and will focus on how to identify objects in the classroom using French vocabulary and following instructions in French.

Challenges:

- * *Research some interesting facts about France and create a leaflet with the information.*
- * *Research what different stories or songs you can find in French and practise them.*

Homework

English (written, spelling and grammar) and Maths homework is set weekly on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Thursday**. Children will be set timestables homework on a Friday and they may be tested throughout the week. Times tables are a huge part of children's fluency and speed in

maths lessons. Maths tasks will be uploaded each Friday to MyMaths all other tasks will be on Purple Mash.

Children should also read to an adult every day and this needs to be written **daily** in their reading record with meaningful comments. Please ask your child questions as they read to you to improve their comprehension. Books will continue to be uploaded to Bug Club, along with grammar activities.

All activities will be uploaded to either Purple Mash, My Maths, TT Rock Stars or Bug Club. If you can't access any of these, please let us know.

If you have any queries, the preferred form of communication is by Dojo or class email.

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Thank you,

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