



**Year 3**

**Advent Term**

## English

The children's writing this year will be inspired by high quality texts from the 'The Power of Reading'. Through these texts, we will be focussing on writing for a purpose covering: descriptive writing, persuasive writing, diary entries, letters.

Texts covered:

The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of our Earth,  
Meredith Hooper

Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf, David Almond

Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<https://clpe.org.uk/books/power-of-reading/about>

## Maths

In Maths this term we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of place value and both mental and written methods of calculation using the four operations (+, -, x and ÷).

In Year 3 children are tasked with learning their times tables. They will have a 'Times Tables Challenge' two times a week. Please use TT Rockstars to support your child in learning and practising their times tables at home.

For further support, we encourage the children to use Education City, as well as other maths websites to reinforce learning and play some fun games. See links below:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://trockstars.com/>



**R.E.**

**This term we will be studying the three themes of  
Domestic Church : Families-Homes  
Baptism and Confirmation : Belonging–Promises  
Advent and Christmas : Loving-Visitors  
The children will also spend a week studying Judaism**

**FAMILIES-HOMES**

Children will learn about the joys and sorrows of being a family at home and of God’s vision for every family.

**BELONGING-PROMISES**

Children learn about the meaning of the commitment and promises made at Baptism

**LOVING-VISTORS**

Children will learn about Advent being a the time to wait and to prepare for the birth of Jesus. They will reflect on how they can prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**Other World Faith – Judaism**

Children will look at the Torah and will discover the traditions around how the Torah is read and revered by Jews. Children will also learn about Bar/Bat Mitzvah and will come to respect the significance of this event in a Jewish person’s life.

## Science

This term we will be learning about Rocks. We will learn about types of rocks and how they are formed, properties of rocks, Mary Anning and fossils.

Please encourage your child to talk about the science they have been doing in school.

## Computing

During our computing lessons, we will continue to locate, retrieve and save our work into the correct network locations and use secure, unique logins.

We will recap E-Safety with your child and discuss the SMART rules. This is something that requires your consistent vigilance at home.

The children will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure and discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

Children will learn improve and develop their word processing skills and be able to use various features for formatting text.

## Humanities

This term we will be learning about Ancient Greece. Each lesson will build towards children being able to answer the following question:

How did the Ancient Greeks impact modern culture?

Children will learn about who the Ancient Greeks were and about their political systems and democracy. We will also be learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses and The Trojan War. The children will also have an 'Ancient Greece' day.

In school, children will be exposed to a variety of high quality texts during their history lessons.

[www.etoncollege.com/Heritage-collections](http://www.etoncollege.com/Heritage-collections)

Then the children will learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. Each lesson will build towards children being able to answer the following question:

Should people live on plate boundaries?

Children will learn about what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. Then, they will learn about the structure of a volcano and how earthquakes and volcanoes effect the human population.

In school, children will be exposed to a variety of high quality texts during their history lessons.

## Art/DT

Children will be designing their own piece of hand made Greek pottery.

Children will be experimenting with watercolours and roller ink printing.

Our DT this half term will be designing, creating and evaluating shell structures.

## Music

In music, we will be exploring musical expression by differing dynamics and tempos when using instruments and voices. We will be discussing the effects changing dynamics and tempos have on an audience. We will use different dynamics and tempos to create an expressive musical accompaniment to a poem.

## PE

The children will be developing their football skills, focusing on turning, how to beat an opponent, passing over a short distance and playing in small sided games. They will also develop their netball skills, working on their ability to pass the ball using a chest pass, jump stops and pivoting. These skills will then be put to the test in small sided games.

During gymnastics, we will be creating a routine using a variety of balances and rolls.

# Additional Information

## PE

Year 3 PE takes place for:

Ms Iqbal's on Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Maini and Mrs Martinez's class on Monday and Wednesday

Please come to school in PE kit on PE days.

## Spellings

The children will receive a new list of spellings each Thursday, which will be tested the following Thursday. We suggest children use the Look, Cover, Write, Check method for learning their new spellings.

At the end of each half term children will be asked to revise the spellings from that half term for a 'mix up' test in the first week back.

## Reading

Please try to hear your child read at least four times a week and discuss the characters, events and key themes of the text. It's better to read just a few pages and discuss them, rather than reading lots of pages. It is also beneficial for children to be read to by an adult, ideally once a week.

Please record any pages read in their Reading Record book and sign it. These are checked and signed by us on a Friday.

## Homework

Literacy and Maths homework is now issued online:

Literacy – Comprehension activities on ReadingEggspress. Please at least 1 lesson.

Maths – Weekly tasks set on MyMaths.

Times tables practice on TTRockstars.

Learning weekly spellings

Reading 4x per week.

Login details are in your child's Reading Record.

Sometimes creative homework may be set linked with specific areas of the curriculum.

# Things to remember

## Important Dates

- – Meet the Teacher – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 14:50-15:10.
- – Parents Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.

## Walking to Church

Year 3 will be walking to Church, Teachers would appreciate any parent helpers who are able to walk to Church with the children.

## Reminders

Please continue to send a winter coat and appropriate shoes to school with your child.

## Topic Days/Trips

- Ancient Greek Day on -TBC. Children can come to school dressed as an Ancient Greek.
- School trip to Eton College -TBC