

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ, we live, love and learn together.

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter 2023

Dates for your diary

22.8.23

European Day of Languages

17.10.23

Parents Consultations

3:30—6:30pm

19.10.23

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3:30—6:30pm

23.10.23 - 5.11.23

Half term

10.11.23

Remembrance Liturgy

9:30am

13.11.23—17.11.23

Anti-Bullying Week

25.11.23

Frost Fayre

From 2pm

12.12.23

3B Christmas Celebration at 9:15am

3F Christmas Celebration at 2:45pm

19.12.23

Christmas Jumper Day for 3F

Carols Around the Tree for 3F at 2:15pm

20.12.23

Christmas Jumper Day for 3B

Carols Around the Tree for 3B at 2:15pm

22.12.23—3.1.24

Christmas Holidays

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Dear children and parents,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. This term we will be basing our first topic on 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlet. During this topic, we will explore light and dark including shadows and reflections.

In the second part of the term, we will be reading 'The Street Beneath my Feet' by Charlotte Gullian. We will study different rocks, learning about different types and how they are formed. We will also be looking at different types of mountains, their features and how they are formed.

Many thanks,

Mr Brown (3B) and Miss Frampton (3F)

RE

At the centre of our learning are our Come and See topics: Homes, Promises and Visitors.

In our Homes topic, we will explore why our home is special and how is our home life similar to Jesus'. During the Promises topic, we will focus on the promises made at Baptism and in Visitors we will look at the Annunciation and how we can make visitors feel welcome. We will be spending a week focussing on Judaism and we will be looking at the Synagogue, comparing it to our place of worship.

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday morning with Premier Sports**. Please ensure the children have both indoor and outdoor PE kit at all times. Children with ear piercings need to have their earrings out or cover them with plasters when taking part in PE.

Reading

Children will use the Accelerated Reader system. When they have finished their book, they will have the opportunity to complete the comprehension and change their book.

Homework

Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday morning. Children are expected to read every night. Homework is set on a Tuesday and due in the following Tuesday. There will be a piece of Maths each week and sometimes English or RE. After half-term, spellings will be tested on a Tuesday morning and homework will be set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday.

Maths

The children will be learning using a fluency, reasoning and problem solving structure throughout the different areas of mathematics. In Maths this term we will be working on number skills including Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, money, fractions, and length and perimeter. We strongly recommend that your children use TT Rockstars to support them with their times tables and division. In year 3 we will focus on 3s, 4s and 8s but also recap 2s, 5s and 10s. Through out the maths lessons, children will be required to show they are able to use those skills in a variety of ways to demonstrate mastery of that skill. Through all areas, basic skills will be embedded through twenty minute maths sessions every day.

English

In the first half term, we will explore 'Orion and the Dark'. A story about a young boy who tries to overcome his fear of shadows and the dark. We will be using the text to help us look at settings, character description as well as speech marks.

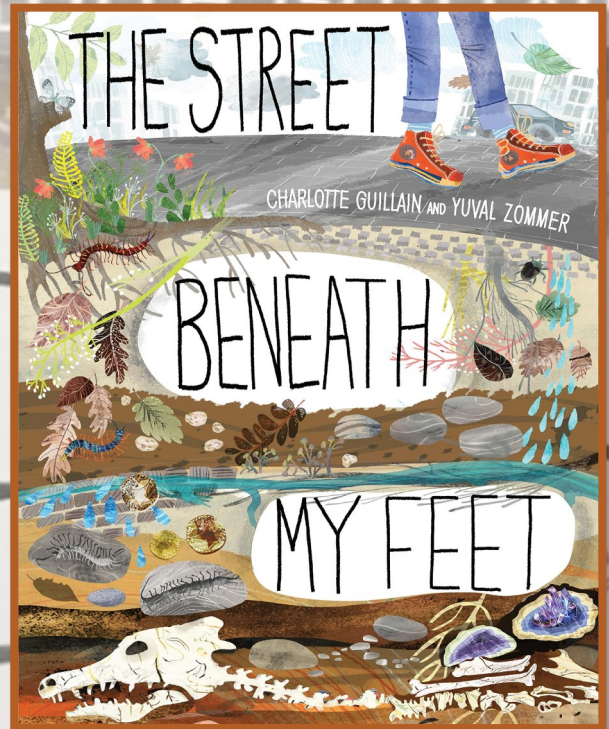
In the second half term, we will be reading 'The Street Beneath My Feet'. This will provide the children with an opportunity to explore a non-fiction text with a unique lay-out.

There will be an emphasis on sentence structure as the children will have the opportunity to write creatively on many occasions. In addition to this, we will follow the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) programme for Year 3, which is aligned with the National Curriculum.

Science

For our first Science topic, we will look at 'Light and Dark' trying to answer our question- How far can I throw my shadow? We will investigate how far our shadows can go but also work out how they are formed. We will look at reflections and how this is linked to light and dark.

During the second topic we will discover what the earth is made up of under our feet. We will explore different types of rocks and find out where you can find them on the Earth. We will also look at the rocks which make up the UK.



Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at mountains. Within this, there will be the key features and understanding how they are formed. As well as this, we will be locating local and international mountains.

Art and Design & Technology

During the autumn term, we will be experimenting with a range of sketching pencils and trying out different shading techniques. We will then be applying these techniques when drawing shapes and objects in the man-made world.

In Design & Technology, we will be researching, designing, making and evaluating a shell structure. This will lead to eventually selling these structures at the Frost Fayre.

Computing

The children will be learning skills through our plugged and un-plugged curriculum. We will be understanding how networks work and the role they have in our lives. In addition to this, we will be exploring coding, specifically programming animations and stories.