



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

TERM: Autumn

School Year: 3	Teacher: Mrs Osmond	Support staff: Mrs Gugiewicz and Mrs Harrison am. Miss Coombes pm
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English	As writers we will be enriching our learning with texts such as 'The Tin Forest' and 'The Wolf's Story (Twisted Fairy Tales)' in which we will focus on writing instructions and fantasy narratives. In Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) the children will embed their knowledge through daily sessions alongside their handwriting practice. All children will continue to partake in a weekly 'Whole Class Guided Reading' session. They will be asked a range of questions to develop their understanding of what they have read and will also be encouraged to give their opinion. The children will be asked to support their answers with examples from the text developing their comprehension skills.
Maths	As mathematicians we will be working on place value of numbers up to 1,000 and addition and subtraction and using the 2, 4, and 8 time stables.
Science	As scientists we will learn about animals, including humans. We will explore what they eat, why a balanced diet is important, and learn about the main food groups. We will also compare human and animal skeletons.
RE	In Religion we are starting with the theme 'Homes' and will explore what is God's dream for every family. In preparation for the start of the Sacramental programme, children will look at the Sacrament of Baptism and reflecting on the promises that are made during this Sacrament. After half term we will explore the Local Church and 'Journeys', looking at the liturgical year as a journey as well as understanding pilgrimage. The final topic of term will be 'Visitors' we will be learning about Advent and preparing for Christmas.
Geography	As geographers, we will learn that the UK has different regions, each with unique features that support the economy. We will use maps, photos, and tools like Google Maps, and learn to use grid references, compass points, and directional language.

History	As historians we will learn that the Stone Age lasted 2.5 million years and the people were mainly hunter gatherers. We will use cave painting photographs, Skara Brae virtual tour, photographs of tools used.
Art and Design	As artists, we will explore line drawing and create a final piece by sketching fruit. We will also study the work of artist Maurits Cornelis Escher.

Design and Technology	As designers, we will explore mechanisms and create a pneumatic toy as our final piece. We will also learn about inventor John Boyd Dunlop.
PSHE	As learners in PSHE we will be focusing on me, myself and my body and reflecting on our differences and similarities.
Computing	As computer whizzes, we will be developing our skills of emails and branching databases.
PE	As sportspeople, we will master skills in sending and receiving, as well as attacking and defending, through sports like hockey, basketball, and gymnastics, focusing on strength and coordination.
Music	As musicians, we will explore reggae music, known for its simple time, off-beat chords, and instruments like guitar, bass, and drums. We will develop vocal techniques to perform a reggae classic as part of a group for an audience.

Additional information:

Daily reading – Children should bring in their signed reading records every day and a book to read in class. They are expected to read at home every day or at least three times a week and we ask you to record this in their reading record. Even if your child is a confident reader, you can help them by asking questions about the book to check their understanding. Check that they understand the meaning of words and ask them why certain punctuation is being used. Children can be asked to summarise the story or to discuss the characters in the book and why they like them or dislike them. It is useful for children to be able to talk about the types of books they like: science fiction historical, adventure, etc.

Spelling – Spelling will be set weekly on Spelling Shed these can also be found on the website – Logins can be found in your child's reading record.

Maths – TimesTables Rockstars have been set for the children to practice. Logins can be found in your child's reading record.

Termly Homework – This will be set each half term based around that term's topic. This will have a wide range of different creative activities to complete and children will be expected to complete at least one activity.

PE - PE kit should be worn each Monday and on Tuesday week 2.

Forest School - Forest school is on Tuesday afternoon week 1. Children should come dressed in suitable clothing and waterproofs. A change of dry clothing is advised.

For Autumn diary dates please see the 'Long Term Plan' and 'School Calendar'.