

Year 3 Autumn Term Learning



English:

Our first novel to welcome the children into the juniors will be Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. The children will meet Wilbur the pig, saved at birth by Fern, the farmer's daughter, and sent to live on a separate farm where he meets Charlotte the spider. The children will be consolidating and improving their use of continuous cursive handwriting and getting used to writing with smaller lines. They will initially focus on descriptive pieces, expanding their vocabulary and developing their use of technical features such as fronted adverbials. Basic punctuation is another key focus, with commas to be used after fronted adverbials and speech to be introduced.

Maths:

Our learning in maths will begin with a focus on place value and conceptual understanding of number. We will be looking to move from the use of blank number lines for addition and subtraction to formal column methods to improve efficiency and allow the children to handle larger numbers more comfortably. Formal written methods will also be learnt for multiplication and division. Beginning to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables is also a focus.

Topic:

Our history topic is the Romans, where we will be learning about a variety of aspects linked to everyday life, culture, empire and language, linking to our study of Latin which will run concurrently. In science we will be looking at humans and animals, including learning about skeletons, diets and food chains. Computing will see us learning about digital literacy, specifically cyberbullying, and all four Year 3 classes will be having food and nutrition lessons for their D.T.

Other information:

PE will take place on Monday afternoon each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. Warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will now almost always take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from their collection bay in the Silverthorne playground.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the main priority in Year 3.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 3 webpage.



English

Autumn: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Charlotte's Web*. Non-fiction writing based on the Romans.

Spring: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *The Abominables*. Non-fiction writing based on aviation.

Summer: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Wreck of the Zanzibar*. Poetry.

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations(+ - x ÷), fractions, measure, shapes.

Spring: Place value, four operations, money, time, shapes, angles, statistics, fractions.

Summer: Measure, place value, four operations, fractions, time, shapes, measure.

Physical Education

Autumn: Athletics, skipping, personal best, football, basketball, netball, rugby

Spring: Dance, gymnastics, athletics

Summer: Racket sports, cricket, rounders

Science

Autumn: Animals and humans

Spring: Light; Forces and Magnets

Summer: Plants and Living things; Rocks.

History

Autumn: Romans

Spring: Stone Age

Summer: Vikings

Geography

Autumn: Europe

Spring: Climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. Settlements and land use.

Summer: Mapping change over time

Computing

Autumn: Digital literacy: cyberbullying

Spring: Computer science: to write a program that achieves a specific goal.

Summer: Information technology: to make an animation.

D.T.

Autumn: Food and nutrition

Spring: -

Summer: Textiles project (tote bags)

Religious Education

Autumn: Practices and lifestyles—Hinduism; beliefs and teachings—Christianity

Spring: How beliefs are conveyed—Judaism; diversity and belonging—Sikhism

Summer: Reflection; understanding values

Music

Autumn: BBC 10 Pieces (Antonio Vivaldi – Winter from The Four Seasons)

Spring: Three Little Birds

Summer: Djembe course

Art

Autumn: Tonking and sgraffito

Spring: Tone and pressure

Summer: Folk Art

Languages

Autumn: Latin—introduction to the family

Spring: Latin—Roman army

Summer: Latin—daily life of Romans

Growth and Reflection

Autumn: Anti-bullying; Online safety

Spring: Body image; managing conflict

Summer: Kindness; Where money comes from