Year 3 — Autumn 1

Literacy

Narratives - this half term our literacy work will first focus on our Stone Age topic. We will be writing our own journey story using 'Stone Age Boy' as inspiration, reading other journey stories too such as 'The Robot and the Bluebird', 'Journey' and 'Blown Away'. We will particularly focus on changing settings, character description and using carefully chosen vocabulary.

Instructions - in the second half of Autumn 1 we will write our own instructions based on How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth! We will use imperative verbs, time adverbials and even make our own miniature woolly mammoths.

Science

Children will learn about the rock cycle and explore the classification of different types of rocks. They will explore sorting and classifying rocks according to their properties through various investigations. They will learn that soils are made from rocks and organic matter through learning the story of how Roger Rock became Simon Soil!



PE

Our gymnastics topic this half term is symmetry and asymmetry and our games unit is hockey.

PSHE

Children will follow the weekly statements to live by. We follow TenTen for PSHE and will start by looking at a unit on the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Children will learn about prayer, the Sacraments and our friendships and relationships with others.



History

Our topic this term is all about the Stone Age! In history, we will be learning exactly what we mean by 'prehistory', the 3 parts that make up the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic) and all about the lives of early humans. We will be looking at different sources to understand how historians learn about such early humans.



Computing

This half term, children will be learning about digital literacy and online safety. This will cover a wide range of topics including well-being, privacy and security, online identity, relationships, communication and the media.



French

To begin, we will be using puppets to practise a variety of French greetings and the children will learn how to introduce themselves, choosing the correct greeting based on the time of day and asking someone how they are.

At Home

It is really important for children to continue to read a variety of texts regularly at home to help improve fluency and comprehension. Times tables are another really important element that can be easily practised at home. There are many great games on top marks and lots of catchy times table songs on YouTube.

Numeracy

We will begin our maths lessons by looking at number and place value, becoming confident in 3 digit numbers all the way to 1000.

We will then begin looking at simple addition and subtraction.

We do 2 maths meetings and a retrieval task weekly to reinforce mathematical concepts and language and a weekly journal task to access carefully chosen reasoning and problem solving questions.

RE

In this branch the children will: explore in full, in the Book of Genesis, the six days of Creation and the holy day of rest; and its recognition of the stewardship given to humanity being made in the image of God; begin to appreciate the treasury of Psalms and their inspiration to Christian prayer.

Art, Design and Technology

In art, we will be looking at Drawing: Growing Artists. This unit focuses on teaching children the use of shapes, shading, and texture in art to enhance their drawing skills. It emphasises developing a sense of light and dark, using frottage for texture, and experimenting with different tools to create expressive and abstract art.

Music

We will be following a scheme of music on Charanga and learning how to play simple re-corder melodies using Let Your Spirit Fly. We will look at the pulse, rhythm and pitch of the music through a number of games.