

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2023

We hope you and your families have had a fantastic summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We are delighted to welcome you all into Year 3, for what promises to be an exciting and successful Term 1. Please note that PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** (outside) and **Wednesdays** (inside). To support children at home, we aim for them to be reading 3 times a week and we ask that this is recorded in their reading records. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact class teachers.

English:-

In our Talk For Writing units this half term we will be writing **defeat the monster** stories using the model text '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'. We will be orally rehearsing the story with actions before the children innovate the text with their own character. We will be focussing on using **speech, alliteration** and **short and long sentences** in our stories. We will also be revisiting **expanded noun phrases** and using these to add description to our stories. The children will then have a go at writing their own defeat the monster tales using everything they have learnt.

History:-

This term we will be thinking about if we would **prefer to live in the stone age, bronze age or the iron age**? We will be travelling back a million years into the past to begin looking at life in the stone age, using historical sources from Skara Brae to help us. We will then investigate how this changed because of the bronze age and iron age. To finish our unit, we will do an end of unit piece, sharing which time we would prefer to live in.

Maths:-

We will be focusing on **place value** this term, looking at numbers to 1000. We will be looking at representing numbers to 1000, using hundreds, tens and ones as well as ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. We will also be learning to find 1, 10 and 100 more and less than a number. Moving on from this, we will begin our addition and subtraction unit, adding and subtracting over 100. The children will also be introduced to adding and subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers.

Science:-

In Science, we will be investigating if **the distance of a magnet affects its strength**. Our unit will be based around **forces and magnets**. We will learn about our **Super Scientist: Isaac Newton** and what he taught us about forces. We will move on to learn about friction before investigating magnetic properties and types of magnets. This will lead us to our enquiry about the strengths of magnets, allowing us to use all of our knowledge to make predictions and test ideas.

Computing:-

Our learning in Computing this half term will begin with how we stay safe online, including phones, tablets and games consoles. We will then be learning about word processing, including how to change fonts, use bullet points and changing colours. We will end our unit by making our very own word document to practice all of our skills.

Music:-

In Music this term, we are introduced to **ballads**. We will learn what a ballad is, how to perform one, understand their stories and write their own lyrics. We will then learn how to perform a song in a group and learn to sing in time with each other.

PE:-

In PE this half term, we will be looking at indoor athletics and **OAA**. In athletics, we will be learning to record and measure athletics scores, increasing speed and using our body to increase power. In our Outdoor Adventure unit, we will be looking at collaborating, teamwork, social skills and communication. We will then end our unit by creating an orienteering course of our own.

DT:-

This half term in DT, we will be focusing on where food comes from. We will be learning how the seasons affect which foods we can grow, what food we grow in Britain, a healthy diet. We will then be creating our own recipe to follow.

PSHE:-

These lessons will focus on **Families and Friendships** and aim to broaden the children's understanding of else. What makes a family and what our families look like. We will also be looking at **Safety**. We will learn about how to respond to different situations safely, the impact of hurtful behaviour on others and recognising respectful behaviour, including what self-respect looks like too.

Any other information:-

Homework will be set each Monday for your child to complete which will include spellings, Times Table Rockstars and a Maths or English activity alternate weeks. Your child will also be provided with a reading book each week. We encourage your child to be reading daily at home however there is a minimum expectation of 3 days of reading per week. Remember to log your reading each day to earn Reading Rewards. Please can you ensure your child has their reading book in school each day especially Wednesday as these are when they will be changed. If you need any help or have any questions about your child's learning, please ask your child's class teacher.