

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are excited to begin a new term and look forward to supporting your child's learning and development. This term promises many opportunities for growth, discovery, and achievement.

Our Art Enquiry...

This half term, we will be conducting an enquiry based on the famous Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo. We will use inspiration from her work to create self-portraits.

In our portrait work, the children will explore the use of different textures and tones, using a range of media including chalk, charcoal, pastels, and drawing pencils.

They will also study the work of historic local designer, William Morris – known for his bold, symmetrical repeating patterns. As part of this unit, Year 3 will learn how to mix colours to create a vibrant block-printed background inspired by his designs.



Key dates and important information:

Date	Activity
Every Tuesday	Outdoor PE
Every Thursday	Indoor PE
Every Friday	Spelling test and times tables test
Friday 16 th October	Wear Red Day for Show Racism the Red Card
Wednesday 21 st October	Trip to the William Morris Gallery

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school daily. All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform.

Don't forget to check out our year group page on the school website for more information about the teaching team and our curriculum.

OUR CURRICULUM

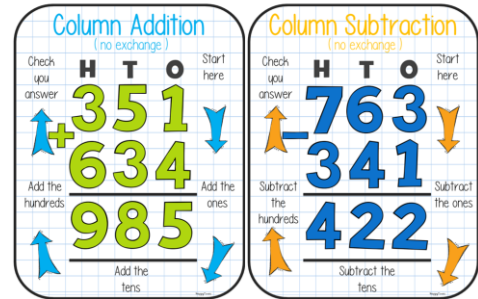
English

Our first writing outcome this half term will be a letter of complaint from the giant in *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Within this, the children will explore how they can use time adverbials, subordinating conjunctions (when, because, if, since), commas for lists and the past tense to make their writing clear and interesting. After this, they will write an alternative narrative based on a fairy tale. The children will be introduced to how to use speech and punctuation correctly in their writing.



Mathematics

In mathematics this half term, we will be developing our understanding of place value and addition. We will begin by learning to read, write and order numbers up to three digits. After this we will learn how to add and subtract two numbers using mental and written methods.



Times tables are an extremely important part of maths across the school. We will be practising our 3 times tables this half term.

Science Enquiry

We will continue our learning from year 2 about plants. We will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants, as well as investigating the way in which water is transported within plants.

RE

The children will be learning about, discussing and sharing different beliefs about how the world began.

PSHE

We will be identifying what makes us special and what makes us feel proud. Children will be invited to share their family celebrations and traditions.

How to support your child at home with their learning this half term...

- Go to a garden centre and look at different plants and their labels. Discuss together how different plants need different requirements to grow.
- Family portraits! Sit opposite each other and have a go at drawing each other's faces.
[Learn how to draw portraits - How to draw a face step-by-step - Easy tutorial for kids \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Daily reading is essential. Please ensure you complete the diary and have your book and reading diary in school every day.
- Continue to practise your 2, 5 and 10 times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.