



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

A warm welcome back from the new Year 3 Team:
Miss Beckwith, Mrs Hope, Mrs Marwood and Mrs Wilson

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: Our focus in mathematics teaching is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations including number facts and the concept of place value and reason and explain how they have reached that answer. By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work. Therefore there will be a greater emphasis on the teaching of multiplication tables throughout Year 3.

English: The children will create a fact file about themselves, which will then be turned into a biography based on Roald Dahl and we will create a play script based on The Twits. Following this, children will be creating list poems based on Harvest festival. We will end the term by studying Christmas poems and tales. We will be reading 'Tudor Boy Spy' by Phillip Ardagh, which is linked to our History topic 'Ancient Egypt'.

Religious Education: RE lessons will reflect upon their own experiences of Harvest Festivals before learning about Harvest celebrations around the world.

Science: Our first Science unit will be Magnets and Forces. Children will investigate how magnets attract or repel some materials, about magnetic poles and friction. Children will make predictions and carry out investigations. We will then move on to Healthy Bodies. During this unit the children will learn about the different food groups and a balanced diet. They will learn to describe and explain the skeletal system of humans and compare to animal skeletons.

Topic: In Geography, children will be studying the UK, including locating seas, rivers and counties throughout the country. Children will also be identifying the changes which have occurred in the UK over time. During our History lessons, children will look at the key events and figures of the Tudor times, including studying the monarchy, recognising King Henry VIII's wives, creating Tudor Houses as a home learning project and identifying how The Tudors influenced life today.

Music: Children will be looking at classical music that depicts animals. They will be listening to music from the Carnival of the Animals.

Physical Education: Topics this term will include Invasion games, including ball skills, followed by Tennis.

Art and Design:

During the Autumn Term, children will be studying Hans Holbein and creating their own self-portrait. They will also observe pop art culture by Andy Warhol to incorporate into their self portrait designs..

Design and Technology:

In DT this term, children will be researching and developing plans to create a photograph frame. They will evaluate their designs and learn how to reinforce their structure.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

Off with her Head!

Focus Reading Text:

'Tudor Boy Spy' by Phillip Ardagh

Recommended Websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

<https://purplemash.co.uk>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

Children will have the opportunity to change their **reading book** and **library book** once a week on an allocated library afternoon.

Year 3 library afternoon is **Wednesday**—Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it. Year 3 will only be receiving a staged reading book until half term.

We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading diaries must be brought into school on your child's allocated day for teacher's to monitor.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week.

Homework and Spellings:

Spelling lists will be sent via 2email on Purple Mash every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

An English homework task or activity will be also be set via Purple Mash every Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday. Year 3 Maths homework will be to practise their times tables using TTRockstars. Please find your child's login details in their reading diary.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year via Purple Mash.

Times Table Challenge: Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let your child's class teacher know by contacting the school office.

