



Year 3
Autumn 2
Newsletter
Rocks and soils

In this booklet you will find information on some of the things your child will be covering in class. You will also find a few ideas of how you can help your child at home.

We value your support in working with us and hope that you will find this information useful.

ENGLISH



This term we are learning all about information texts and adventure stories .

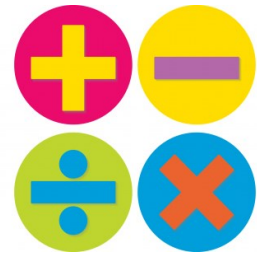
Children will be exploring how to use:

- accurate noun and verbs in sentence structure
- Past and present tense correctly
- Adverbs and adjectives in setting description
- Paragraphing when grouping together ideas

During reading they will be studying an array of high quality picture book text such as "Stone Girl, Bone Girl" and a long text by Roald Dahl called "George's Marvellous Medicine." They will be focusing on inference skills and understanding words in context.



MATHEMATICS



Children will be developing their understanding of calculations and how to organise their understanding of written form. Children will use practical maths resources to help them understand key concepts of number in the following areas:

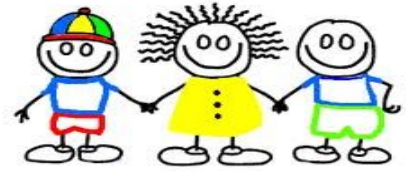
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions of number
- Problem solving

PROJECT BASED LEARNING



This term children are learning all about rocks and soils. They will be discovering :

- How rocks are formed
- Different types of rocks and soils
- How volcanoes erupt and affect our world
- Fossils and their origins
- The rock cycle
- How to work scientifically when carrying out experiments



PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term children are learning about friendships, conflict resolution and how their words affect each other. They will be doing this through discussions in circle time, debates and written work. They will watch a series of videos on growth mind-set, speaking positively to one another and role-play. Here are some of the lessons we will cover:

- How words affect me
- How my words affect others
- The power of praise and positive words
- How to solve conflict
- Forgiveness

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will be developing their throwing and catching skills. They will also be learning the strategies of team work and learning about Tag Rugby. Here is the breakdown of the lessons they will be carrying out this term:

Week 1: Gripping & carrying a ball

Week 2: Passing & catching a ball

Week 3: Playing the ball & game development

Week 4: Tag games & game development

Week 5: Tag rugby league





EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

This term children will continue to develop their drawing skills using a variety of mediums such as pencil, charcoal and felt pens. They will be making fossils using plaster and painting their work through careful observation. They will develop the following skills:

- fine motor skills and close observation
- Working with new materials such as clay, plaster and water
- Mixing paint and using artistic vocabulary

COMPUTING

Children will be developing the following skills:

- Using apps and screen shot to record their work
- Using word processing to develop typing skills
- Printing their work using school resources
- Saving their work in their own folders and editing their work
- Know how to use different font keys such as bold, underline, italics and font size and colour
- Developing a presentation using apps on an ipad



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Children will be going on Educational Visits this term which you will receive letters about closer to the time.

Please continue to read with your children daily and record this in their reading record books. We have a high proportion of children who are below the reading standard and need your support to encourage their reading.

Please use Bug Club and Mathletics where necessary to support your children's development in reading and calculations. Thank you!

