



3 Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter

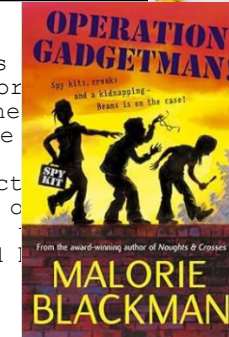


Maths

Year 3 were amazing last term at working on their numbers to 100. They investigated place value, compared, and ordered numbers to 1000 as well as estimating on number lines. They have learnt so much and will now use this knowledge to help them with their addition and subtraction unit that we will be completing. The children will be learning how to use their place value to add and subtract as well as exchanging. We will also be focusing on our 4- and 8-times tables so please keep practising at home!

English and Reading

Our reading and writing focus this term is based on the wonderful story of Operation Gadgetman! By Malorie Blackman. A phenomenal book about Beans and her mother. But the question is, will she save her mother? The children to explore this book and develop their sequencing skills as well as practising their writing. They will also get the chance to write onto writing a persuasive letter to the managers of HS2, which I will send off for them to read and



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This term Year 3 will be focusing on the geography topic of HS2. This engaging topic really helps the children investigate the impact of changes such as HS2 on the environment and landscape. They will get to explore both advantages and disadvantages of the HS2 project and we will eventually build up to our own class debate about it! This is an exciting way to get the children investigating local geography.

Our RE lessons this term will be focused on Christmas - Festival of Love and Light. We will get to link different religions and how each light is important to each of them. From learning about Diwali from Hinduism, to recapping Hanukkah from Judaism to Christianity where we will look at advent and the importance of advent wreaths to Christians. This unit has lots of creative and artistic ways for the children to explore festivals of light.

In Art, we will be applying continuing our drawing techniques of tone hatching and viewpoint, studying the art of Picasso and exploring different medias such as pencil, charcoal, and oil pastels to create self-portraits. This will be completed over the whole of Autumn term and the children will get the chance to create some beautiful creative pieces of art throughout their journey. We will also be completing our own DT moving monsters project this term which the children will be able to take home!

Every day will end with class story time. We will start the term finishing our exciting class book of the Midnight Gang by David Walliams. The children are over halfway through now and are finding it very funny and entertaining. Sometimes I will read a story, but this is also a chance for the children to share some of their favourite stories and begin to read confidently in front of others. This is a wonderful way to engage the children in reading and hopefully develop a love of reading that will stay with them!

Science and Computing

In science this term our topic is Nutrition, skeletons and muscles. In this unit, pupils will become scientists to learn about the diets of different animals, including humans. They will name the main bones in the human body and the three main purposes of the skeleton. They will identify vertebrates, invertebrates and exoskeletons and explain the differences between them. They will learn how muscles help us to move.

Additionally, our computing topic this term is Creating media where they will be creating their very own stop-motion animation! We will make our own films and stories using technology!

Other information:

- PE is on Tuesday
- Reading diaries and online learning will be checked on Thursdays