

ENGLISH

Year 3 will be **reading** a variety of texts including fiction and non-fiction. We will be starting the half term with **Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths** to link with our stone age topic from last half term. Our focus will be developing reading accuracy and understanding.

In **writing**, our focus is to improve grammatical features and sentence structures through various styles of writing. Year 3 will complete a narrative, set of instructions and a non-chronological report about the Stone Age.

PSHE

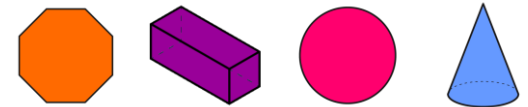
Celebrating Differences will be our focus for this half term. We will be thinking about differences between individual families. We will gain an understanding of the positive impacts of being in a family and learn how different actions can have a negative impact on a family dynamic.

DT

Our Design & Technology project this half term is to **create a storybook with moving mechanisms**. We will focus on experimenting with a range of techniques to create moving mechanisms and explore a variety of graphic techniques to improve our designs.

MATHS

In Maths we will continue to interpret data in tables and pictograms. We will begin to calculate totals and differences between prices using coins and notes. This will move onto solving multiplication and division stories, focusing on our 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. Finally, Year 3 will name and describes the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



RE

This term there will be an exploration of **Autumn Festivals** which use the symbolism of light to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. We will deepen knowledge on All Saints, Diwali and study the celebration of the Jewish festival Hanukkah. Leading up to Christmas, we will explore symbolism and create our own Christingle.

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COMPUTING

This half term in computing, Year 3 will continue to use the software **'Scratch'**. They will focus on identifying and using logical reasoning to solve problems and bugs within the software, from 'off-by-one' bugs to performance bugs.

MUSIC

This half term children will be focusing on the **Glockenspiel**. This unit introduces the children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. Children will explore and develop playing skills using the glockenspiel whilst also being introduced to noted music.

SCIENCE

The focus for this half term is to improve our scientific investigative thinking through the topic **Food and our Bodies**. We will identify and research balanced diets, parts of the skeleton, compare animals with and without skeletons, and look at how bones, joints and muscles help us move.

GEOGRAPHY

Year 3 will be focusing on **climate changes** and looking at different types of weather over the course of a year in different areas. We will focus on looking at climate zones in different areas, the characteristics of different climates as well as the relationship between climates and biomes.

INFORMATION

Year 3 will have PE every **Tuesday** and will continue to come to school in their kits on this day.

Every **Thursday afternoon**, Year 3 will go swimming at Burt Williams. Please ensure that children bring the correct kits to school and that any jewellery is removed.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and reading records to school every day.