

Kingfisher class Autumn



Term 2021

Welcome to year 3! This overview outlines the topics we will be covering in each subject during the Autumn term.

Maths

We will be working from White Rose to help us achieve our best, focusing on number during the Autumn term. We will cover place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will also be doing weekly arithmetic recap lessons with Mrs Patterson.

Science

In science, we will begin by studying rocks, fitting in with our Stone Age topic in history. This will involve looking at different types of rock and soil. During the second half term, we will look at the human body, specifically, balanced diets, bones, muscles and skeletons.

Art and D&T

Whilst studying the Stone Age in history, we will be looking at cave paintings in art, learning the techniques used in order to create our own pieces on real stone. We will also be designing and building replica models of Stone Age homes in D&T. During the second half term, whilst studying Europe in geography, we will be sketching European landmarks and undertaking an artist study on Pablo Picasso.

PSHE

We will be looking at relationships in PSHE, involving friendships, pets and special people in our lives. We will also be looking at valuing differences, with a focus on British Values.

Handwriting, spelling and reading

We will be working on handwriting once a week. On Mondays, we will learn our new spelling rule for the week, ready for learning the spellings at home. We will have a short spelling test on Fridays. We will read for 15 minutes every day, with part of the class recapping some phonics from year 2. We will also have guided reading once a week for half an hour. On Thursdays, Mrs Patterson will take us to the library.

English

We will begin the term by introducing ourselves to the key SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) needed for year 3. We will then study the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, alongside our Stone Age topic in history. Following this, we will learn how to write instructions for a healthy lifestyle. In the second half of the term, we will be writing a persuasive tourism brochure, alongside our European study topic. Our book for this half term will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We will end the term at Christmas by looking at the 'Polar Express' book by Chris Van Allsburg.

History

We will be studying history during the first half term as part of our 'enquiry' subject. Our key question will be: 'what was life like in the Stone Age?'. We will explore key events, Stone Age homes, food, and the Skara Brae site in Scotland.

German

Mrs Panting will be teaching us in German. We will focus on pronunciation, greetings, names, numbers and colours in the first half term, and time, days of the week, months and Christmas in the second half term.

PE

PE will be led by premier sports on Tuesday afternoons, and by Mrs Patterson on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Patterson will follow the Real PE scheme, focusing on balance and coordination using exciting games.

Geography

Geography will be taught during the second half term as part of 'enquiry'. We will be studying European countries and landmarks, as well as looking at the physical geography of Europe.

RE

During the Autumn term, we will be studying Hinduism. We will look at the main beliefs, deities, festivals, special places, and holy books. At the end of the term, we will look at the Christmas story.

Computing

Mrs Patterson will be taking half of the class at a time for computing, whilst Miss Moore leads guided reading with the other half. We will be looking at coding and how to use Word Documents.

Music

Mrs Patterson will be leading music, and we will be focusing on the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly' by Joanna Mangona in the first half term. In the second half term, we will begin to learn how to play the glockenspiel.

Important reminders



PE Days:

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure your child is dressed in weather appropriate clothing for PE.

PE kits:

- Navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms (plain navy only and no logos unless a school logo).
- Team coloured T-shirt.
- Plimsolls or trainers (black or grey).
- Navy Hoodie (plain navy or school logo only).

Reading:

- All children will be issued with a levelled reading book, which should be brought home daily and back to school the following day.
- Please ensure you listen to your child read and make a note of this in their reading record.
- Reading to an adult for 10 minutes a day has an enormously positive impact on children's reading skills.

Homework:

- At the beginning of term, your child's only homework will be to read daily and to learn their weekly spellings. These spellings will be given to your child on a Monday, to learn for their spelling tests on Fridays.
- As term progresses, homework will be reviewed and your child may be set a task based on their reading books.
- It would be highly beneficial for your child to spend some time on 'Times Table Rockstars' weekly so they are ready to start the multiplication and division topic in maths after half term.