

 Reading:

Class Texts: To be decided as a class.
In our guided reading lessons we will be working on reading skills already introduced in Year 2. We will be using inference, retrieval and predicting skills as well as looking much more deeply into the meaning of the words a writer has chosen to use and what impact this has on the meaning of the text and the thoughts and feelings of a character.

 **Writing:** We will be reading a range of texts, these will differ from fiction to non-fiction. Our opening book will be a traditional tale with a twist - The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We will be working towards writing our own version of the story. As in Year 2 we will be following Jane Considine's scheme which allows us to be extremely creative and hands on with our English work. We will write a diary entry from the perspective of the Big Bad Wolf and include some drama activities too. Towards the second part of Autumn 1 we will be focusing on poetry. The children will be given more autonomy in their writing where they will be able to choose which season they want to base their poem on. The third text that we will look at is an information text called Street Beneath our Feet, from this we will be creating our own information posters. Our final text of the Autumn term is Star in a Jar where we will follow the journey of a lost star and help him to get home.

 **RE:** In RE this term we will be digging deeper into What do Christians learn from the Creation story? We will be making links between what stories in the bible say about human beings, and pupils' own ideas about how people should behave. After half term we will be looking at 'The Trinity', why baptism is important to Christians and the symbolism of water.

 **History:** Mrs Bailey is taking charge of history this year. We will be exploring the Stone Age and Iron Age this term, exploring how life changed over time and how people used trade to exchange items. We will explore the settlements and differences in daily life. We will spend time looking at the foods that the Prehistoric settlers would have eaten and how they would have gathered their food.

 **Geography:** We will spend the first part of autumn term focusing on history so will begin our geography topic after half term. We will be focusing on mountains across the world. We will look at different types of mountains and how they are formed. As part of this topic we will be conducting some virtual fieldwork as we take a trip to Everest Basecamp.

 **Homework and Expectations:**
Reading: To be done at least 5 times per week with an adult.
Spellings: One task to be completed each night. Spelling test to be done every Friday.
Homework: To be back in school by Tuesday each week.

 **Science:** Our first science topic of Year 3 is Light. We will discover what a light source is, how shadows are made and we will categorise materials based on their transparency. In the second half of Autumn term we will move onto discovering more about our bodies, focusing specifically on diet and nutrition.

 **Computing:** Our first topic we will look at will be online e-safety. Looking at how to stay safe online and how to recognise potential dangers online. Children will look at how to use computing devices safely.

 **PHSE:** This term in PHSE we will begin with doing lots of activities around relationships. We will be working hard on our relationships with our peers and ensure that we are always kind and caring towards others. We will be doing lots of team work activities. Our second unit is families and healthy relationships.

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 **Visits/Events:** TBC

 **Challenge:**

Create your own prehistoric tool that could help you to build something or hunt for food.

 **Our Staff:** Miss Riley,
Mrs Eardley
Mrs Bailey (Thursday pm)
Mr Nixon (Friday PE)
Mrs Hughes - Entrust music

 **Maths:** We will continue to work up on applying and refreshing our KS1 mathematical understanding. We will begin Year 3 by focusing on place value. In year 3 the children will begin to use 3 digit numbers and will get a deep understanding of the value of each number up to 1000. In the second part of the Autumn term we will begin to introduce the four main operations. We will begin by focusing on addition and subtraction by using our mental arithmetic skills to help us with the formal written methods of addition and subtraction. In our maths lessons we will begin each topic using lots of manipulatives to ensure that we have a good understanding of a concept before we move onto more abstract forms. Due to our music lesson with Mrs Hughes on a Tuesday morning I will be using some of our time on a Tuesday afternoon to cover shape and measurement beginning with length and perimeter.

 **Art:** In our art lessons this term we will be looking closely at prehistoric art and linking this to line drawings of animals native to the UK. We will be using pencil to develop our shading techniques and will be focusing on using basic shapes to help us to improve our use of proportion and scale.

 **D&T:** In or D&T lessons this term we will be researching and creating our own recipe to eventually create our own savoury tart. To support our history topic we will also be designing and constructing our own castle. We will look at the features of a castle and what their importance was. Any donations of cardboard (cereal boxes) and tubes will be greatly appreciated.

 **French:** Mrs Bailey will also be covering French this year. In French we will be learning how to greet people at different times of the day, introduce ourselves and ask how they are feeling. We will also be learning the adjectives of colour, size and shape.

 **Music:** On a Tuesday morning we are very fortunate to have Mrs Hughes from Entrust music service join us. Mrs Hughes will be teaching us how to play the violin. We will also learn lots of new songs throughout the year too.

 **PE:** PE will be every Friday. Children should come to school in their PE kit on a Friday. We will do PE for the entire afternoon split between myself and Mr Nixon. Our units in PE for this term are; football, dance, indoor athletics and orienteering. Please ensure that earring are not worn on a Friday.

 **Year 3 News:** Welcome to Year 3! I hope that you've all had a great summer and are looking forward to starting your journey into key stage 2. In key stage 2 we encourage the children to be much more independent and to take more responsibility belongings and presentation of their work. Many children have now moved onto our Accelerated Reader reading scheme, this follows on from what the children will be used to doing in Year 2. Children must still read at home with an adult, when they have finished a book they will complete a short quiz in school to consolidate their understanding. The children need to be achieving 85% or more to pass the quiz. PE is on a Friday and will now be all afternoon split between myself and Mr Nixon. Children must not wear any jewelry on PE days. If you have any questions feel free to message on Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as I can.