



Autumn Term 2024 Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3

Hello! I hope you had a wonderful summer break. Welcome back to a new school year, I am very excited to be teaching your children this year.

Literacy

Across the school this Autumn term, the children will begin their Literacy lessons exploring the book 'Hermelin' by Mini Grey. Writing based on this text will take a variety of different forms, with children producing work such as predictions, diary entries, narrative pieces and recounts. Work will be shared and celebrated across the school, as all year groups are studying this text. Following this, Year 3 will then work on a unit based on the book 'Mini Rabbit not lost' by John Bond. Children will write their own narratives based on this book, considering different characters view points and feelings, as well as looking at describing different settings. This will continue to develop understanding of narrative techniques and creativity. Through these topics, children will continue to build their range of vocabulary and think about the effect on the reader.

Across the rest of the Autumn term, Year 3 will explore various other forms of writing such as, fables, non- chronological reports and poetry. We will be looking at a wide range of different poems, and writing our own in order to build on and expand vocabulary. Children will continue to develop their use of punctuation and spellings throughout all of these topics.

All children will participate in whole class reading as well as small group targeted sessions of guided reading. They will also be introduced to Accelerated Reader this term, which will offer the opportunity to further their reading with an Accelerated Reader book, which they can also take home. Children will be shown how to complete quizzes on finished books, collecting the words from each book they read.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be looking at place value with numbers up to 1000. We will also be focusing on mental fluency, and formal written methods with both addition and subtraction. After half- term, we will move on to exploring statistics and geometry. Throughout maths lessons, children are expected to explain their chosen methods of working out, and be able to justify their answers. This enables the children to be more confident with their maths learning. Children will be able to then relate their knowledge across all areas of maths. Please continue to support your child at home. We will be re-introducing and using Mathletics. Tasks on Mathletics will often be set as homework, in order to encourage the children to independently access Mathletics at home to practise and revisit key areas of learning.

Science

In Science, we will start by learning about Forces and Magnets. Science learning will provide the children with opportunities to hypothesise, design and collect data, adapt and modify their ideas, carry out research, work independently or in a small group and extend their



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skills, knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live. Science teaching often takes on a practical approach.

Foundation Subjects

History and Geography will be taught on a half-termly basis, this is the same with Art and DT. Our first Geography topic will be Rivers and the Water Cycle. Children will explore various different areas throughout this topic such as, identifying the main changes during the water cycle and the process of the changing state of materials. Children will also name and locate the main rivers and seas of the UK using atlases and identify what rivers look like on a map. History will be after half term and our topic is Victorians. Children will explore what life was like in this time period. DT will be taught first this term. DT lessons will be based on Bridges. Children will learn about different types of bridges and design their own. In Year 3 French is introduced, and our first French topic is 'I am learning French'. This will focus on the basics of the language which will then progress over the terms. This half-term, in RE, we will be exploring different religions, our first RE theme is Divali and Hinduism. Our first PSHE topic is 'Being me in my world' and we will be continuing to follow the Jigsaw scheme. In Computing this term, we will be following the Purple Mash scheme. The units Year 3 cover in the Autumn are; 3.1 Coding, 3.2 Online Safety and 3.3 Spreadsheets. As always, E-safety and learning to use technology safely underpins throughout our computing curriculum. In Music, the children will continue to follow the school Charanga scheme, which includes opportunities to play instruments as well as sing and compose.

P.E

PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. On a Monday, the children will be taught PE by GC Sports, and PE will be taught by Miss Webb on Wednesdays. This term we will be focusing on dance and invasion games such as hockey. Please ensure that your child comes to school on PE days wearing their PE kit and have suitable clothing for all weathers.

Homework

We will continue to give out creative homework based on our current topics. Children will have a selection of tasks to pick from and homework will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term.

If you have any questions, please come in after school or make an appointment at the office or via email at admin@longlands.herts.sch.uk

Thank you,

Miss Webb (Year 3 Class Teacher)