



Year 3 - Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

Children should bring their school bag, reading book, reading record and water bottle to school everyday.

Children should have a small, clear pencil case that they keep at school.

School will provide stationery.

Year 3 PE day is Monday. This is also your swimming day for part of the autumn term.

Key dates

Week Beginning 16th October- Parents Evening.
Days to be confirmed

Friday 20th October- Last day of half term- Normal finish

Monday 30th October- Back to school

Monday 13th November- Odd Socks day and start of Anti Bullying Week

Friday 15th December- Last day of term 1.30 finish

Monday 2nd January- Back to School

Monday 15th January- INSET Day

Monday 29th- Wednesday 31st January- Year 6 Residential to Runways End

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February- Last day of half term- Normal Finish

Monday 19th February- Back to school

Wednesday 27th February- End of term 1.30pm finish

Thursday 28th February- INSET day

Monday 15th April- Back to School

Monday 13th May- Friday 17th May- Year 6 SATS

Friday 24th May- End of half term- normal finish

Monday 3rd June- Back to school

Tuesday 23rd July- End of term- 1.30pm finish

Reading/Phonics

This term we are revising the phase 5 sounds:
<ay>, <ou>, <ie>, <ea>, <oy>, <ir>, <ue>, <aw>, <wh>, <ph>, <ew>, <oe>



Writing

This term in writing, we have started by recapping pupil's key learning from Year 2 using several picture prompts to inspire writing.

We will continue to develop children's writing skills using the 'Talk for Writing' approach. The approach gives children the opportunity to first immerse themselves in a text through orally retelling the story and drama. They will then use their deep knowledge of the story structure to imitate the text and create their own version. Throughout the cycle, pupils will be exposed to a range of skills that will help them develop their writing.



Maths

This term, we are continuing to build upon our place value knowledge, extending to 3-digit numbers. We will become familiar with the size of each number, the value of each digit, partition numbers and use number lines. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, beginning with applying known number facts to larger numbers and begin to learn formal methods of solving calculations.

Throughout all the learning, we will solve problems and answer reasoning questions.



Science

This term we are learning about skeletons and muscles. We will learn about different types of skeletons in all animals before focusing on the human body. We will look at different muscles and the function of different bones in our body. Towards the end of this term we will be looking at what nutrients we need to grow and keep our bodies healthy.



History

This term we shall be learning about some of the key changes which occurred between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. We shall be finding out how archaeologists use clues from artefacts and cave paintings to understand what life was like. We shall also be comparing the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras and how new inventions and techniques changed their lives.



Art

In our Art lessons this term, we will be looking at tone, texture and mark making. We will be developing our skills of observational drawing and looking closely at the artist, Henri Matisse.



PE

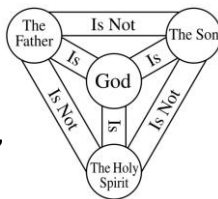
In P.E this term we are focusing on Invasion Games. We have chosen Netball to practise the skills of running, jumping, throwing and catching both in isolation and in competitive games. We will also be looking at attacking and defending.



RE

The Big Question in RE this term is 'What is the Holy Trinity?' We will learn how Christians believe that God is revealed to them in three ways – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – yet remains one God.

We will also explore that all denominations of Christianity have the same principle beliefs including The Holy Trinity, Bible, resurrection of Jesus.



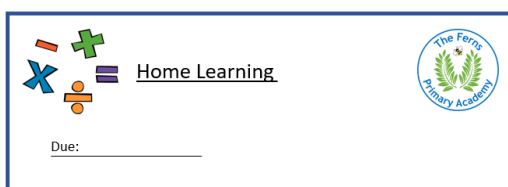
PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be learning about how we recognise our own feelings and celebrating what makes each of us unique. We will be learning about the importance of understanding what mental health is and how to look after our mental health using a range of strategies. We are learning that it is normal to experience a range of emotions and that people show these in different ways.



Home Learning

Children will receive a Home Learning task once per week. The due date will be written on the task sheet. Children will receive either a Maths or a Grammar task weekly.



Suggested books for reading

For current recommended reads, search booksfortopics.com and select Year 3!

