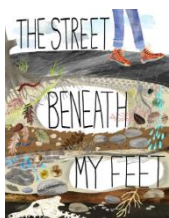


**Welcome to Year 3's Autumn Term 2023 overview.**

This term, we will be learning about:

**English**

We will begin the year writing descriptive list poetry. We will learn to experience the world through a poet's eyes, observing before describing creative cloud formations writing expanded noun phrases. Linking to our science curriculum, we will move on to explore The Street beneath my Feet in both Book Talk and writing lessons. Using the sentence stacking approach, we will be writing explanation texts which detail the journey through the layers of the earth to its fiery core. Finally, we will explore Michael Rosen's poem, Words Are Ours, before innovating it to write our very own poems entitled, 'Rocks Are Ours'.



**Maths**



Following the White Rose Hub scheme, we will begin Autumn term by covering Number and Place Value as well as the Four Operations. As we move into Autumn 2, we will cover Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. We will introduce Times Tables Rock Stars to support the children's knowledge, fluency and rapid recall of multiplication and division facts.



**Science**

Autumn term will begin with the study of Rocks and Soils. We will explore key scientific vocabulary while identifying and describing the properties of different rocks and soils. We will conduct investigations into the permeability of different soil types and learn which soil best supports healthy plant growth. Finally, we will learn how a fossil is formed. As Autumn 2 progresses, we will begin to study animals, including humans, focusing on skeletons and muscles. We will learn about the characteristics of human and animal skeletons and the function of the muscular-skeletal system. In all lessons, the children will have opportunities to think scientifically, participate in practical activities, ask questions, and use scientific vocabulary to explain.

**History & Geography**

History will be our first focus of the Autumn term through a study of The Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will develop the children's historical enquiry skills to investigate and find out the differences between the time periods, and the lasting impact and legacies of life in the pre-historic era. We will look at the discovery of metals and the wider impact on how life in Britain changed. We will welcome a history expert into school and see and handle genuine artefacts. In Geography, we will answer the big question: How do rivers work? The children will use their D&T skills to construct a model of the river system.



**Computing**

At the beginning of Autumn term, we will be learning new Coding skills by following the Purple Mash scheme. The children will use coding knowledge to design and create an interactive scene. They will learn how to run, test and de-bug their programs. In Autumn 2, the children will focus on internet safety. They will learn what makes a safe password, the consequences of sharing confidential information, as well knowing how to use the internet to communicate in a positive way.

**Religious Education**

Our key questions for Autumn term 1 are: Do Christians have to take Communion? Does taking bread and wine show that someone is Christian? In this unit, pupils will learn the key features of the communion/Eucharist service. They will know the story of the Last Supper and will know that being part of a group requires commitment. In Autumn 2, we will explore the question: Is light a good symbol for celebration? The children will develop understanding of the significance of light as a symbol of belief.

**PSHE**

Our focus for Autumn term is 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Differences'. We will encourage open, honest, and respectful discussions in all lessons.

**P.E.**

Our PE will be on Monday and Wednesday this year. TFG will lead PE on Monday afternoons using our hall or the outdoor spaces. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing an appropriate PE kit for the weather. Please bring extra/spare kit in a PE bag if necessary. During Wednesday lessons, we will focus on team skills, spatial awareness, and hockey. We will build up to mini matches where children will not only play, but coach and evaluate other players.



**Music**

We will be using Charanga during our music lessons. During these lessons we will learn songs, study rhythm, and produce our own beats to the music. We will create simple rhythm patterns using African Drums. Towards Christmas, we will rehearse for our Lower Key Stage Two production; Year 3 will form the choir/chorus.

**French**

The study of French will begin in Year 3. We will learn how to introduce ourselves, as well as some colours and animals, before reading some well-known children's books in French.

**Art and DT**

During Autumn 1, we will be focusing on mark making and using natural materials to create Stone Age themed artwork. In Autumn 2 we will move onto designing a moving Christmas card, using levers. Outdoor Learning Day will provide additional opportunities to explore creating artwork on a large scale, using natural materials, inspired by woodland surroundings.

