

## Curriculum Letter for Year 3 – Autumn Term 2 2023

### General Information

Welcome back after your half term break. We trust you had a lovely time with your children. The children are looking refreshed and ready for the learning and challenges of the upcoming half term. The overall theme for this half term is *Magic and Wonder*. We also look forward to both classes leading the Junior Carol Service on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at St. Andrew's Church. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Curriculum

**Maths:** During this half term, the children will improve their addition and subtraction skills by developing mental calculation strategies and learning formal written methods. Additionally, we will explore the concepts of area and perimeter. In multiplication and division, the children will look at commutativity, inverses and practice multiplication and division facts for numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10.

**English:** We have more quality texts to link to our writing, that will inspire a variety of written work. This half term, our texts are '**The Tear Thief**' by Carol Ann Duffy, a text that explores poetic language and persuasive techniques and '**Leon and the Space between**' by Angela McAllister, a story about magic and the wonder of discovery. We will be comparing and exploring these two texts to guide our learning in English.

Our class reads are '*The boy who grew Dragons*' by Andy Shepherd, '*Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape*' by Dermot O'Leary.

**RE:** We have two units this half term, both on Christianity. To start we will be looking at: **Remembrance**, looking at service and will include a visit to Enfield's War Memorial. In the second unit we will be looking at the question: **How does the season of Advent and the Feast of Epiphany point towards the true meaning of Christmas?** As part of our learning, we will be looking at different people the prophets, John the Baptist and Mary, and their part in the story and meaning of Christmas.

**Science:** This half term, we are looking at **Food and Our Bodies**. This unit will involve learning about the food we eat, the skeleton and the muscles, how they work and protect us from harm.

**History:** This is our first unit of the year, named '**The Stone Age**'. Many of the children are showing an interest already, and some prior knowledge, which is great! We will be looking at when the Stone Age was, the technology they use and how it changed and learning about some key places of interest, Skara Brae and Stonehenge to understand life in the Stone Age more fully. A Knowledge Organiser has been uploaded onto Teams, for parents and children to look through each week.

**French:** The children are enjoying their new learning in this subject, being able to greet you and ask how you are. The next unit is all about **Animals**. We will be learning the names of some animals and begin to put this knowledge into simple sentences.

**PSHE:** Our unit is **Health and Well-being** and will be taught through class lessons and circle times. Pupils will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and being active to look after our bodies and minds as well as our dental health. We'll discover what makes us special, and the benefits of helping each other.

**Art:** The first unit of the year is **Painting and Mixed Media: Prehistoric Painting**. We will be exploring the processes of prehistoric art, its age, and creating art with simple shapes, charcoal, natural pigments, and handprints in the style of cave artists. This will be a nice link to the children's Stone Age unit in History.



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**Music:** In this subject we will be learning to play the glockenspiel, where the children will be learning to read musical notation and play different notes. This learning will be further developed in the Spring term when the children will have the opportunity to learn the recorder. With this in mind, we will be asking you to buy a recorder from the school for these lessons. **More information about this will be sent out to you.** We will also be practising and preparing our Christmas Nativity service, as mentioned above.

**PE Days: Outdoor and indoor Pe days remain the same, Wednesday and Fridays.** Inside we will be continuing to develop our dancing skills, exploring cultural dances. Outside we will be playing tag rugby, developing our tactical and strategic skills.

### Reading and Spellings

Reading is still an essential skill, and we thank you for your support in hearing your children read regularly at home. We are continuing to encourage a joy of reading, discovering the magic of the stories in them and the wonder they can create in our imagination. We will also continue to teach the spelling patterns and rules in class.

### Homework

Homework is set every Friday on Teams, to be completed by the following Wednesday. It will consist of spelling, reading and maths or topic work. We often use the MyMaths and/or Purple Mash websites for homework.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

### Key Dates

Individual and Sibling Photos: 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Visit Enfield War Memorial: 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Odd Socks Day: 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Parent and Teacher Meetings: 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Nativity Service: 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
End of term: 20<sup>th</sup> December **(2pm)**