



Year 3 - Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Key Stage 2 and Year 3. I hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some of the great weather we have had. I am tremendously excited to get the year underway as we have lots of fantastic learning and events coming up in Year 3. Remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSWillow](https://twitter.com/GPSWillow) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 3!

Important Dates:

English

Our writing this half-term will be inspired by our class novel. We are reading 'Glog' by Pippa Goodhart which is about a boy from the Stone Age. We will read and learn all about the book before using it as inspiration for writing our own stories. We will learn how to use inverted commas and apply this skill to our own writing. We will learn how to create our own characters, settings and plots for our story writing and apply them in our independent writing.

We will also focus on the following spelling patterns:

Prefixes – in-, re-, dis-, mis-.

Suffixes –ing, -er, -en, -ed.

Words where the 'ou' sound is 'u', for example, young, touch, trouble

French

This half-term we will learn how to say and pronounce different musical instruments. We will learn new vocabulary and learn how to say and write this in simple words and phrases.

Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be reading Baby Aliens Got My Teacher by Pamela Butchart. We will use the text to learn how to retrieve information, build inference skills, expand our vocabulary knowledge, summarise and predict future events. Following this, we will develop our breadth of reading with a non-fiction text called 'Our Planet'. We will use this text to learn new vocabulary, retrieve answers and summarise the information.

The children will continue to get time to read for pleasure, selecting a book to read of their choice.

Maths

Our focus this half-term is addition and subtraction. We will learn to add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s within and across tens and hundreds. We will recap adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using a formal written method, before adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers. We will continue to use a range of questions which include, fluency, reasoning and problem solving in every lessons.

Science

This half term we will be investigating materials. We will focus our learning on rocks and compare and group different kinds of rocks based on their different qualities; appearance and physical properties. We will learn and describe how fossils are formed and be able to explain what soil is made from.

RE

This half term we will be exploring Islam. We will be learning about the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). We will be exploring the question, 'Why is the Prophet Muhammed an example for Muslims?'. We will learn about the story of Muhammed and explore the third pillar of Islam (Zakat) and learn about why Muslims carry out this practise.

DT

In DT we will be making a two-part Stone Age meal. We will start by learning about foods that were available and eaten in the Stone Age. We will compare this by investigating what foods we eat today that were popular in the Stone Age and what recipes we use that have been passed down from this era. We will then prepare ingredients using appropriate utensils and learn skills such as spreading, chopping, mixing and grilling to make our own Stone Age recipes. We will then sample our own foods and evaluate our products.

History and Geography Unit

Our topic this term is the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be exploring the question, 'If I travelled back in time, how would I know the difference between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages.' We will break our learning down into lots of smaller questions in order to answer the overall topic question by the end. We will use a variety of resources to learn about the different eras and learn when they took place. We will use our enquiry skills to learn about the lifestyles of the people from these different eras. We will investigate what tools were available and used in the different eras and how these changed over time.

PSHE

We will be continuing the unit 'Me and My Relationships'. As we are new to Year 3, we will be looking understanding our feelings and looking at ways to deal with different situations, demonstrating simple strategies for resolving conflict situations and learning to accept the views of others when they are different to our own views.

Music

This half term, we will have the amazing Ms Jones in to teach our music lessons. We will be learning how to sing different carols ahead of a performance before Christmas.

Computing

In computing, we will build on basic skills we learned last term by learning to select, use and combine a variety of software on a range of digital devices to accomplish goals, using programs such as iMovie, PicCollage and Book Creator.

PE

This half term, we will be recapping the fundamental skill of under arm throwing before moving on to gymnastics. We will learn different balances on 2, 3, and 4 points, learn some basic rolls and learn how to jump and land safely. PE days will move to a **Tuesday** and **Friday**.