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Year 3 Autumn Term 2: Share in our learning

Home learning and Reading: Daily reading is extremely important. We are listening to your child read every day in school and we expect you to listen to your child read every day for 5-10 minutes at home. Please sign their reading record every time you read with them. We will have a competition to see who has read the most! For home learning, children will continue to take home a maths and grammar workbooks. This will be sent home on Thursday and one page should be completed and returned to school by Tuesday morning. I put the page to be completed on the school website and also ask the children to write it in their reading records. I choose the page linked to the topic we are learning in class to consolidate this. The children may also be given a topic research task on some weeks. Children who do not complete their home learning will have to catch up at break time. Spellings will be sent home every Thursday to practise for a test the following week on Tuesdays. These can also be found on the Year 3 page of the website each week. Please practise daily with your child. Times table rock stars should be completed daily for 5-10 minutes- challenges for the children are set on there.



RE: In RE this half term is completing the topic of Baptism. Children have learnt all about the stages of Baptism and will now consider the big questions "Should babies be baptised?" Next, we will study Judaism with particular focus on synagogues and the Torah. After this, Year 3 will study Advent in our topic- Journeys. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the gift of Jesus. In Year 3, the children have begun to plan and deliver collective worship each day with support from adults. Children are developing their understanding of the meaning of the readings and adding their own ideas.



Maths: Children will continue their mathematics learning through the Maths No Problem scheme. We will be focussing on multiplication and division this half term. To begin with, children will develop their knowledge of the 3,4 and 8 times tables, looking at the links between the 4 and 8 times tables. It is essential that the children practise these at home in order to become fluent. They will also develop understanding of corresponding division facts for these times tables. Later in the term, we will use this knowledge to calculate more complex multiplication and division question where children multiply 2 digits by 1 digit using partitioning and formal written methods. Finally, Year 3 will revise Year 2 time and learn about different measurements for length.

English: Children will continue to follow either the Read Write Inc phonics programme or Literacy and Language. In Literacy and Language, children will be studying fiction (historical fiction) and non-fiction texts (balanced arguments) and will have the chance to write their own version of each. The historical text we will study is called "Stone Age Boy." It is based around a young boy who falls into the Stone Age! It is an exciting voyage and return story which will really add depth to children's knowledge of the Stone Age. Later, we will create balanced arguments on how long playtime should be and whether or not homework should be banned.



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Geography: Map skills

This term, our geography topic will focus on map skills. Children will learn about where maps come from, why we have them and who might have drawn them. We will look at old and modern maps and see how maps of the local area have changed. Children will also learn about map symbols and develop understanding of what these mean and how to use a key to understand the symbols on maps. Children will also learn about grid references on maps and use this to support their knowledge of co-ordinates in maths. Please look at a range of maps at home and plan any journeys using maps.

Science

In Science, the Year 3 children will become apprentice gardeners! They will learn all about the stages of plant growth from seeds and bulbs while they revisit Year 2 knowledge. Later in the term, Year 3 will learn about pollination, the functions of different parts of the plant and the different ways that seeds are dispersed. They will have lots of opportunities to work scientifically: sorting and classifying different seed types, making careful observations over time on plant growth in different locations in the classroom and playground and understanding what happens when we remove the leaves from plants.



DT

In DT, children will be learning about shell structures. They will study different packaging types and look at the nets which form packaging. Children will identify 2D shapes which make up nets for these packets. Later, the Year 3 children will have the opportunity to design their own packaging for a Christmas chocolate box. Children will create their own nets, design the outside and evaluate their work. Children will also learn about strengthening boxes in different ways.

Computing

The focus for the second Autumn half term will be creating graphs. Children will be learning about using technology to create graphs. This will mostly be using 2Graph on purple mash, however, some children may have the opportunity to try to use excel to create graphs too. Children will use computers and I pads.

P.E.

In Year 3, children will have P.E. with Mr Warburton on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that they have the correct PE kit in school and that it stays in school for the half term: plain white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and pumps or trainers. During this half term, we will focus on dance and receiving body weight in gymnastics.



Music

In Year 3, children will be continuing their music learning with pulse and rhythm. Children will also begin to incorporate some composition and improvisation. Lessons take place every Wednesday morning.

French

Children continue to learn French in Year 3. In the autumn term, children will be focusing on greetings. This will begin with simple greetings before moving on to asking and responding to questions about name and age. In lessons, children will practise reading, writing, speaking, listening and responding each lesson. We play lots of games to help children to learn and remember the French vocabulary.

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www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk

<https://mybookblog.org/plugin/st-ambrose-rc-primar/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stambrosem21>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Please look at our class homepage on our school website. This will be regularly updated with lots of information about all the exciting things we'll be getting up to this year. If there is anything you'd like to see on there, please let me know.