



Central Primary Curriculum Overview – Year 3 – Autumn (1)

Subject Area	Content
English	<p>Reading: Independent reading will happen every day and some children read with an adult every day. Additionally, small groups will have a structured guided reading session with the teacher once a week.</p> <p>Speaking and Listening: The children will be learning to tell stories effectively, through the use of drama and role-play. Development of speaking and listening skills are encouraged and applied across the curriculum, in all subject areas.</p> <p>Writing: The children will be focusing on understanding and comparing a variety of recounts. We will then focus on analysing newspaper reports to identify structure and key features before planning and writing our own.</p> <p>Also during this term, we will read a variety of play scripts based on the story of the Twits. We will then identify key writing features and good structure in our model play scripts that we will look at together. Then the children will have an opportunity to plan and write their own play script based on the story of The Gruffalo.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be looking at the following areas in maths: The children will begin to develop the concept of using number through developing understanding of place value in a range of numbers up to four digits. Through this we will be able to begin to compare and order numbers depending on their size. Knowing why a number is larger than the other.</p> <p>Later in the term the children will be looking at developing their number work further by using various strategies to add numbers together. The written addition strategies that we will be focusing on include: solving problems using the empty number line method, partitioning and using the expanded method in columns.</p>
Science	<p>Scientific Investigations Skills: We will be learning to ask questions that can be investigated scientifically and decide how to find answers. We will be learning to think about what might happen (predicting) and suggest ways to collect and record data.</p> <p>Science Content: The children will begin the year with the topic of light. This topic is a great way of teaching the children about light, shadow, day, night and everything in between! They will have opportunities for practical experiments and learn about how light travels, what shadows are and how the length and position of a shadow changes throughout the day and much more. In addition, the children will investigate and identify objects which are transparent, translucent and opaque.</p>
ICT	<p>This term the children will be using the app called 'Turtle Logo' and the program of 'Scratch'. This unit will allow the children to create and debug algorithms and use basic commands in logo to move and draw using a turtle. The children will have an opportunity to challenge themselves by creating repeated commands.</p>
Topic	<p>Each subject below will be linked to the overall topic this half term which is going to be 'The Romans'.</p> <p>Art: In Art, we will be focussing on researching and creating our own Roman Mosaics inspired by the work of Hildreth Meiere. We will particularly focus on the techniques Hildreth Meire uses. The children will create their own mosaic using different techniques and have access to a range of colours.</p> <p>History: In History the children will be focussing on Roman History. They will learn about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, Julius Caesar and his attempted invasion of</p>

	<p>Britain as well as successful invasions by Claudius. The children <i>will</i> use sources from the past and their inference skills to find out about the Roman army and what daily life was like for the Romans. Other topic areas the children will cover will be The Rebellion led by Boudicca and Roman families and children.</p> <p>Geography: The children will pay close attention to the Roman Empire and use atlases to discover which countries in Europe and Africa became a part of the Roman empire. The children will find out which towns and cities in Britain the Romans settled in and built and use a map of the UK to find the modern names for the Roman towns. The children will use the knowledge they learn in their history lessons to allow them to develop their geographical skills.</p> <p>DT: This term the children will focus on the armour of the Roman army. The children will then use what they find out about Roman shields to design and create their own.</p>
Music	<p>Singing development – The children will be explore the correct standing position in order to sing and understand various breathing strategies to use to help develop their singing voice.</p> <p>Pitch – The children will learn a range of songs that allow them to apply different levels of pitch. The children will be able to identify the low and high pitch in each song they perform.</p>
P.E	<p>PE will consist of Basketball, Hockey and Dance. Children will take part in basketball every Monday afternoon and play hockey every Thursday afternoon. The children will take part in Dance on a Friday afternoon.</p>
French	<p>The topic we will be looking at this half term is Portraits. We will be learning about the colours, body parts, face features and how to combine these together to make descriptions of monsters and people.</p>
PSHCE	<p>This half term in Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education the children will be learning about 'New Beginnings'. The children will be able to share their thoughts and feelings. Through these lessons the children will have an opportunity to reflect on what the new year ahead holds.</p>
R.E	<p>In RE this half term the children will learn to describe the key aspects of religions and traditions that influence the beliefs and values of others. They will use key religious vocabulary in communicating their knowledge and understanding. The children will be focusing on the religion of Islam and be exploring the key beliefs.</p>
Educational Visits	<p>School trip to the Verulamium in St Albans – Thursday 20th October</p>
Things to bring	<p>Children must bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. Children must remember to bring their home spelling book to school every Friday. They may also bring a water bottle to keep in class. Children must bring the correct PE kit to school on Mondays and Thursdays including trainers or plimsolls. Homework should be handed in on Tuesdays and will be set on Thursdays.</p>
Dates to remember	<p>Parent's Evening (All Year Groups): Mon 17th Oct 2016 3:45 – 8pm No Pens Day: Weds 5th Oct Flu Vaccinations Y3 – Tues 18th October Harvest Festival: Weds 19th October @ 2:30pm Individual Photo Day – Weds 9th Nov 2016 Ash class assembly: Friday 23rd September 2016 Apple class assembly: Friday 30th September 2016 Year 3 school trip: Thursday 20th October 2016</p>