

## Year 3: Autumn Term Curriculum Map

Children have settled well this term and have been busy learning many new skills. To help keep you informed of all the interesting things they are doing, please find a summary of key lesson content this half-term.

### English:

During the first five weeks of this term, the children will concentrate on enhancing their grammatical skills with the aim of improving the quality of their writing. Some of the word classes they will be learning about are nouns, adjectives, adverbs, tenses, conjunctions and the use of apostrophes. After this, the children will have the opportunity to apply the skills they have acquired in units such as Stories with Familiar Settings and Instruction Writing. In addition to this, children will develop their reading comprehension skills by exploring how to explain and analyse a given text.

### RE, PSHE & P4C:

We will be looking at New Beginnings and taking responsibility with the aim of supporting children with the transition to KS2. In R.E. we will learn about Islam, including mosque designs and the five pillars of Islam.

### PE:

Children will develop their indoor athletic skills, learning how to use their body for speed and agility. In games pupils will develop teamwork and ball control skills in football lessons.

### Maths:

Children will build on their existing place value skills and partition numbers into hundreds, tens and units. They will demonstrate this skill by finding the value of given digits in a number and writing numbers in words and numerals. Children will also investigate the relationships between numbers in sequences and develop their accuracy when counting in given steps.

### The Arts:

During the first half term, our art work will be linked to the Arts festival theme 'Technology and the future'. Children will have the opportunity to design and create models and evaluate how they will change lifestyles in the future. In the second half of the term, the area of study will be linked to our topic work 'Different places, similar lives.' The children will compare and evaluate house and clothing designs suited to the lifestyle and climate.

### French:

We will introduce children to simple French greetings as well as learning and pronouncing the numbers 0-20.

### Science:

Children will focus on Animals including humans. Children will look at the food groups and what makes a balanced diet. They will also look at how humans and animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

### IPC: Different Places, Similar Lives

After the introductory unit on Brainwave, which mainly helps the children to understand how learning takes place, they will explore how the nature of a particular locality affects the people living there. This will focus mainly on the similarities and differences between England and other countries. They will know about the main events, dates and characteristics of past societies. In addition, they will learn about the applications and implications of some computing programmes in everyday life, different jobs and work situations.

### ICT: Programming and Animation.

Children will find out about animations and create storyboards. They will create a sprite and learn how to control its movements. Children will learn how to create a suitable background and add sounds to their animation. Eventually they will watch their animation and think about how to improve it.

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### **Curriculum Organisation:**

We use IPC (International Primary Curriculum) to plan our Topic units. Using the IPC will help to develop our pupils into global citizens who have a good understanding of the world and their role within it. All the Topic work links with the new Primary Curriculum which was launched nationally in September 2014 and ensures that our pupils will be taught the skills necessary to prepare them well for their secondary education and the future. The activities have cross curricular links with History, Geography, Science, Computing, Art, Design & Technology and R.E. Over the course of the year, children in Year 3 will learn units like 'Active Planet', 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures' to mention a few. This term, children will develop their knowledge about the world with the unit 'Different Places, Similar Lives.

Maths, English and Science all follow a specific curriculum to help children develop key foundational skills. Whenever possible, children are given opportunities to develop their investigative skills within these lessons.

### **Additional Year Group Information:**

**PE:** PE will be held on Monday & Friday (3K); Tuesday & Friday (3T); Wednesday & Friday (3R) and Thursday & Friday (3O). Please ensure your child has an outdoor kit, including a waterproof coat as one lesson a week will take place outside. Children who do not have full PE kit will lose Good Day Tickets.

**Homework:** Literacy: Monday and Wednesday; Maths: Tuesday & Thursday; Spellings, Times tables & Reading- Daily

**Other year group information:** Children in Year 3 are introduced to swimming during the academic year. This usually lasts for about 6 weeks. We will let you know when it is your child's turn to go swimming. 3O will start their swimming lessons on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. They will be required to make a contribution of £20 towards the costs of an instructor, lifeguard, transport, premises hire etc.

**Rights & Respects:** We continue to discuss the impact of the UN rights of the child and use this to encourage children to reflect on their actions. Rights are listed as 'articles' and we shall focus on the Right to Develop our Talents (article 29) and the Right to be Heard (Article 12).

**Diary Dates:** Arts festival will take place in October. The theme this year is based around 'Technology and the Future'. Parents will be invited to come and observe the artwork during the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Parent Interviews will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, times TBC; Year 3 Christmas Production - Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 1:45pm

Educational Trip to Highclere Castle - 3O & 3T - Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018; 3R & 3K - Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.