Year 3 - Autumn term 2

What are we learning...

ENGLISH

In English, the children will be developing their descriptive writing skills by writing a setting description based on Bonfire Night, using exciting vocabulary and descriptive techniques to bring the sights and sounds to life. They will also be exploring the Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur before writing their own retelling of the story. Towards the end of the term, the children will be learning and performing Christmas poetry, focusing on expression, intonation and speaking clearly to an audience.

MATHS

In Maths, the children will be continuing with their work on both formal and mental methods for addition and subtraction and will then move on to look at multiplication and division in more detail.

SCIENCE

In Science, the children will continue learning about nutrition and diet, including the importance of a balanced diet. They will then explore food waste, different types of rocks and how fossils are formed.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, the children will locate the seven continents and explore the Equator, hemispheres and lines of latitude and longitude. They will learn how the Earth's movement creates day and night, explore time zones and identify key lines on a world map, including the Prime Meridian, Tropics and Polar Circles. They will also discover key facts about the North and South Poles and use geographical vocabulary to locate places on a map.

MUSIC

In Music, the children will explore rhythm and pulse, developing their understanding of the beat in music through listening and practical activities.

ART/DT

In Design and Technology, the children will design and create a Christmas toy or present using pneumatics. They will explore how air pressure can be used to make parts move before planning, making and evaluating their own festive creation.

COMPUTING

In Computing, children will be learning about connecting computers. Throughout the unit children will learn -use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output understand computer networks including the internet;

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about Islam and exploring the Five Pillars. They will discover how these key beliefs and practices guide Muslims in their daily lives and help them express their faith.

MFL

In French, the children will learn the names of 10 familiar animals and begin using the phrase 'I am' to introduce themselves and describe themselves in French.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will explore the theme 'Celebrating Difference', learning that families come in different shapes and sizes and that everyone is unique. They will also revisit bullying, discussing how to recognise it, how it can affect others and what to do if they or someone else experiences it.

PE

Games (Tennis)
Dance

MESSAGES

- Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children will need to come in their PE kit on those days.
- Each day, children will need to bring their water bottles (containing water not juice), their reading book and reading record/diary.
- Children are allowed to wear stud-earrings, but these must either be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons (this is following Health & Safety guidelines).
- All other jewellery is not permitted.
- Please be aware that make-up and nail polish are not permitted at school.