

St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School Year 3 Autumn 2 Curriculum Overview



Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on the book, 'Ice Palace'. Whilst studying the book we will write our own stories, look at characters, make predictions and write instructions.

We will continue to revisit some of the Year 2 spelling rules and grammar and will be covering the Year 3 spelling objectives with a focus on prefixes and suffixes.

<u>Science</u>

Our topic for this half term will be forces and magnets. The children will investigate how magnets attract and repel, identify poles and group magnetic materials.

Geography

The children will learn about continents and climate change during this half term. We will learn about the continents around the world, investigating similarities and differences. We will also explore what climate change is and how it is having an impact on different places in the world.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on the four operations and continue looking at various ways to solve problems. The children will also be completing a weekly arithmetic test. It is a requirement that by the end of Year 3 the children know the times table and division facts for the 2,3,4,5,6 and 8 times tables, so these tables will be our focus throughout the year.

DT

The children will design, make and evaluate hand puppets. The puppets will be made from felt and sewn together using simple stitches.

<u>ICT</u>

We will explain how scripts work, find and correct errors in them, and explore creative ways of improving them. We will learn to recognise some common types of programming errors, and practise solving problems through logical thinking.

<u>Music</u>

In music we will look at the unit 'Let your Spirit Fly'. We will also work on the Christmas production.

Religious Education

In our topic for this half term we will begin to look at the importance of the Trinity in Christianity. We will look at how the Trinity is represented especially in baptism and prayer. We also discuss and explore how the Trinity can be represented in other ways too and what it means to Christians today.

Our big question is: What is the Trinity?

Physical Education

We continue to follow the 'Real PE' scheme. The children will focus on developing their physical and social skills.

Please can all children ALWAYS have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school and appropriate footwear (trainers or pumps). Even in the winter the children may do PE outside.

<u>Notices</u>

We will begin rehearsing for the Year 3 Christmas Show straight after half term. The performance will be on Tuesday 17th December. More information will follow nearer the time!