



YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN

ENGLISH

This term, we will begin writing traditional tales with a twist, focusing on the story *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* before moving on to writing a holiday brochure. We will create our own holiday destination and brochure to persuade you to visit Skara Brae. We will then write a set of instructions based on an unusual recipe, as well as a diary entry inspired by the Elf on the Shelf's naughty antics.

In guided reading, we will work on our reading fluency and comprehension using a range of texts, including pieces about notable people (such as David Attenborough), Disney song lyrics, Stone Age non-fiction and a variety of stories and information texts.

In English lessons, we will continue to develop our letter formation and presentation, focusing on the size and position of letters. In spelling, each week's lessons will introduce a new sound and spelling pattern.

In maths, we will begin by securing our knowledge of place value, exploring the value of each digit in a three-digit number, flexibly partitioning numbers and revisiting number bonds. Following this, we will develop our addition and subtraction skills, moving into the formal written method for both. This will include exchanging across tens and hundreds. Every lesson will include an element of reasoning and problem solving and children will be encouraged to use the vocabulary recorded in our Vocabulary Vault to explain their answers.

At the end of this unit, we will move on to exploring multiplication and division. Times tables will play a very important part in these lessons—keep practising these at home as much as you can! We are also introducing a new element of maths fluency, separate from the main maths lessons, where children will work on solving mathematical problems accurately, efficiently and flexibly. This involves developing a deep understanding of numbers and operations in order to choose and apply the most effective strategies.

MATHS

SCIENCE

Our science topic this term is Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System. We will be naming bones and muscles in the human body and explore different skeleton types, looking at their similarities and differences. We will then carry out an investigation based on questions we have generated ourselves relating to the knowledge we have covered. As part of this, we will carry out fair tests, think about the best way to record our results and draw conclusions based upon these.

Art: We will be exploring colour, practising key painting skills with watercolour paint and exploring and creating our own Bell Beaker-style pots from clay.

Computing: We will be learning about stop-motion animation and creating our own animations.

Design Technology: This term we will become chefs making ratatouille as a class, then designing, making, (eating!) and evaluating tacos. This all links in with science and nutrition.

French: We will practise French greetings and learn some shape names and colours, linking them with the French artist Matisse, whom the children have been introduced to in art.

Geography: We will begin our topic of One Planet, Our World, locating countries and learning about human and physical features. We will also learn about compass points and grid references, the weather and how to analyse data.

History: In our 'Through the ages' topic, we will learn about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.

Music: We will begin exploring ballads and the children will learn how to adapt their singing voices alongside Viking music.

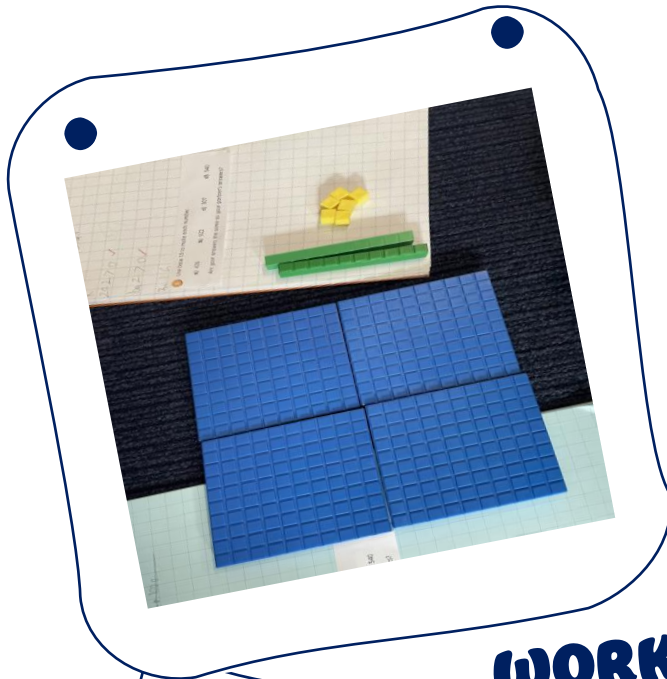
PE: During the autumn, in PE will be learning the skills needed for football, gymnastics, hockey and basketball.

PSHE: Our key focus this half term is on valuing differences. We will discuss different types of family and relationships and how we can celebrate our differences.

RE: We will be learning about the Sikh celebration of Guru Nanak's Gurburab, which is usually celebrated in November.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- W/6 15th September:** Teacher led clubs begin
- 3rd October:** School photos and Family Reading at 2:40pm
- 6th 10th October:** NSPCC Kindness challenge week
- 23rd October:** Halloween Disco
- 24th October:** Mufti Day (Tombola Donations for Christmas Fayre)
- 27th 31st October:** Half term holiday
- 3rd November:** Back to school!
- 7th November:** Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Green
- 11th & 12th November:** Parents Evening
- 14th November:** Children in Need
- 14th November:** Flu immunisations
- 21st November:** Family Reading at 2:40pm
- 5th December:** Christmas Fayre and Carol Concert
- 11th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th December:** Christmas Dinner Day
- 19th December:** Last day of term!



WORK GALLERY

