



Manor Primary School



Year 3 Curriculum Update: Autumn Term

Maths:

The main focus for maths in the first half of the Autumn term will be place value. The children will use a variety of mathematical equipment to support their understanding of hundreds, tens and ones. They will then use this knowledge to understand addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers and multiplication using formal written methods. They will also be introduced to division and have access to a wide variety of resources to support with their learning. The children will continue to be encouraged to learn their times tables using TT Rockstars at home.

English:

Year 3 are starting the year with grammar, looking closely at verbs, sentence structure and using apostrophes for contraction. The children will read the brilliant Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones and create an advert for one of Izzy's inventions, then write a narrative describing how one of the gadgets goes wrong. After half term they will be studying the poem Firework Night by Enid Blyton and the children will write instructions for keeping a pet safe during fireworks. The final text of the term will be a children's classic; Ice Palace by Robert Swindells. Using this to inspire, the children will write their own chapter for an adventure book.

Science

In Science this term, Year 3 will be exploring forces and magnets. The children will investigate how objects move on different surfaces and learn about the effects of friction. They will also explore how magnets attract and repel, and which materials are magnetic. Through practical investigations, the children will develop their scientific enquiry skills and deepen their understanding of how forces and magnets are used in the world around us.

Geography: We will be studying the rainforests of the world. We will locate them and look at the layers that make up the rainforest. Pupils will also have a chance to complete an exciting virtual field trip to Ecuador exploring the rainforest and the people who live there.

History: In History this term, Year 3 will be travelling back to the Stone Age! The children will discover how early people lived, including life in the settlement of Skara Brae, and explore how tools, homes and daily routines have changed over time.

Art: In Art this term, Year 3 will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau. The children will learn about his unique jungle paintings and use his style as inspiration to create their own imaginative artwork.

Computing: Using Purple Mash, we will be looking at Email and how we communicate and design, write and debug simple programmes, moving on to Branching Data bases later in the year. As part of our e-safety lessons, we will be looking at self-image, identity and online bullying.

Music: We are taking inspiration from the Stone Age to explore rhythm and simple music notation. Next, we will be improvising and performing simple melodies based on Greek Myths.

PSHE: The children will explore their own identity and the role they play within their class and school community. They will think about rights, responsibilities, and how their choices impact others. Pupils are encouraged to develop respect, empathy, and a positive sense of belonging.

PE: We will be developing pupils' hockey skills, learning to dribble, pass, receive and shoot the ball, as well as using simple tactics and following the rules fairly. Pupils will begin to understand their roles in attack and defence, find space on the pitch, and track opponents. They are also encouraged to give feedback, work cooperatively, and manage small games together.

DT: The children will be using a variety of DT skills to make masks of rainforest animals inspired by the Lion King Stage Show masks.

RE: This term, Year 3 will be learning about different places of worship and the role they play in faith communities. We will also explore the importance of holy books, discovering how they guide believers and shape religious traditions.

Spanish: In Spanish, Year 3 are learning how to introduce themselves, saying their names, asking simple questions, and using everyday phrases. They will learn vocabulary for different body parts and use this in songs, games, and simple conversations.

Respect & Kindness



Responsibility



Teamwork



Growth Mindset

