



Grange Farm Primary School

Autumn in 3DH

Hello and a huge 'welcome back!' We've had a great start to the year and have coped extremely well with the changes that a new year, and Key Stage, bring. I'm so excited to get to know you all over the coming months and I can't wait to get stuck in to all of the fun that Year 3 has in store. Here's an overview of what we will be getting up to this term...

Mr Higginson

English

This term, in English, we will be covering a variety of text types, including fictional stories and non-chronological reports, plus some performance poetry. The children will be given many opportunities to write in different styles and will also be consolidating spelling, punctuation and grammar skills from Year Two, whilst moving forward with new learning from the Year 3 curriculum.

Spelling

On a Monday, children will be given weekly spellings to practice at home, using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write Check' strategy. This sheet should be returned by the following Monday, when the children will be tested.

Reading

Each morning, the children are responsible for changing their own reading book. This should happen in the time between entering school and the morning register, at 9am.

Homework

This term, the children have been given Maths targets that should be practised regularly. This will help them greatly during Friday's 'Multiplication Monsters' target test. Other homework may be sent home, as and when it is felt necessary to do so. Please see the 'How can I help my child?' tab on the Grange Farm website for more information on how to support at home.

This term's creative curriculum...

Our topics this term are 'Tremors' and 'Tribal Tales'. In 'Tremors', we will be exploring volcanic activity, earthquakes and rocks, as well as the fall of Pompeii and life in Ancient Rome. In 'Tribal Tales', we will be exploring all elements of prehistoric life and we will also be going on a very exciting trip! More details to follow!

Other Curriculum Areas

Some subjects will be taught separately from our main topic theme. These include:

Computing: We will be learning how to be 'Internet Legends', ensuring that we know how to keep safe whilst online.

Music: We will be following the Charanga scheme. Which covers a variety of different musical styles!

Art: The children will be having weekly art lessons with our artist, Mrs O'Brien.

PE Days

The children will be taking part in PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that kit is in school everyday, in case of any changes. Some sessions will be led by a sports coach.

Dates / Trips

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening will take place on Monday 24th September and Parents evenings this term are on the 7th and 8th of November (More details to follow). Please keep your eyes peeled for details on any upcoming trips and events.

Staff

Alongside myself, the children will be supported by Mrs Weaver, Miss Medley, Mrs Brennan and Mrs Thomas. They will also be familiar with Miss Hodgkins, our new Year 3 teacher.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details.

Maths

These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and most are covered each term:

- Count in 4s, 8s, 50s, 100s and tenths from zero
- Read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 1000
- Know the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers
- Find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
- Add and subtract ones, tens and hundreds to or form three-digit numbers mentally, two two-digit numbers where the answers could exceed 100
- Add and subtract three-digit numbers using formal written columnar methods
- Tables and division facts for x3, x4 and x8
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- Develop formal written multiplication and division methods for two-digit by one-digit numbers
- Begin to understand unit and non-unit fractions as numbers on a number line, and deduce relations between them, such as size and equivalence
- Measure the perimeter of simple shapes
- Tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue clocks
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
- Draw 2D and make 3D shapes
- Recognise and describe 3D shapes in different orientations
- Recognise that angles are a property of shape or a description of turn, using right angles as a marker
- Horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines
- Understand and use simple scales (e.g. 2, 5, 10 units per cm) in pictograms and bar charts
- **Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas**