



# Year 3 Autumn



## Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Bushfield and to a brand new school year. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for Year 3. We have already started to get to know your children and they are settling into Bushfield life well. If any issues arise please do not hesitate to contact school and arrange an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. This term our focus will be on catching up and teaching some of the skills from the Year 2 curriculum in blocks 1 and 2 before moving onto our Year 3 curriculum in block 3.

### Block 1 (2 weeks)

#### English

As part of our transition work, we will be using the book 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson to stretch our imaginations and write creatively. We will explore how writers use description to 'paint' pictures in the head of the reader. We will then use the book, 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, as a stimulus taking part in drama activities and debates before writing our own narrative about the Stone Age. In this term we will also work on grammar, reading skills, spelling and handwriting which includes getting used to writing in pen.

#### Maths

We will begin by looking at the column methods for addition and subtraction and using and applying these skills when solving word problems. We will then explore fractions using our multiplication and division knowledge to find fractions of amounts before working on solving multiplication and division word problems.

#### Science

We will be looking at the differences between living, dead and never been alive as well as the different habitats that animals live in.

#### Computing

We will start by learning how to log on and off using our own login details before looking at some basics of using the keyboard such as locating the start menu.

#### Geography

We will be looking at using maps to locate where we are in the world and the UK before moving onto investigating the physical and human features of Wolverton.

#### DT

We will learn how to thread a needle and knot the thread before practising how to sew a running stitch. When we are confident, we will make a hand puppet to show off our new skills.

#### PSHE

We will be settling into Bushfield and being back at school by investigating Growth Mindset and how to look after ourselves.

#### Music

Music is taught by Mrs Yeo. Across the term, we will be listening in detail to a wide variety of music and analysing the dimensions of music: tempo, pitch, articulation and dynamics. We will also be developing music notation reading skills and using body percussion to perform rhythms.

#### French

French is taught by Mrs Coffey who uses a range of games, rhymes, songs and role-play to immerse the children in the language. The children will begin by learning simple greetings and introductions.

#### PE & Games

We have PE or Games on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon each week. This term, we will be consolidating our athletics, cricket, badminton and tennis skills in our classes with the PE Team. Our lessons will be mostly outside and we will spend a couple of weeks on health related fitness skills too.

## Block 2 (2 weeks)

### English

We will continue our studies of the book 'Stone Age Boy' and learn how to write instructions. We will also continue our work on grammar, reading, spelling and handwriting.

### Maths

We will develop our understanding of word problems by trying to solve those with more than one step. We will also be looking at reading scales and being able to describe position, direction and movement in straight lines.

### Science

We will be looking at the differences between herbivores and carnivores and exploring how food chains work in nature.

### Computing

We will continue to practise how to log on and off using our own login details before exploring other functions on a keyboard and opening a Word document.

### Geography

We will look at why Bushfield was built in Wolverton and create our own maps using common map symbols.

### Art

We will learn about the artist and sculptor Andy Goldsworthy and try to create our own 2D and 3D sculptures in a similar style.

### RE

We will be learning about how Jews worship and their holy book, The Torah.

## Block 3 (3 weeks)

### English

We will finish our work on Stone Age Boy and look at some other texts which link to our Year 3 topic of Ancient Britain. We will focus on writing a narrative from a different viewpoint and continue our work on grammar, reading, spelling and handwriting.

### Maths

We will start our work on the Year 3 curriculum by looking at reading and writing numbers up to 1000. We will also develop our adding and subtracting skills using numbers up to three digits. We will also look at units of measure and statistics.

### Science

We will be looking at the human body, identifying the muscles and bones and understanding what we need to eat to keep healthy.

### Computing

We will confidently log on and off and learn how to use the keyboard to touch type. We will also learn how to save files accurately,

### History

We will look at where Ancient Britain fits in the chronology of our history and learn about how life changed during the Stone Age.

### DT

We will learn about the types of houses our ancestors would have lived in before designing and making our own version of a Neolithic shelter.

### PSHE

We will be looking at how to look after our mental health and explore our different emotions and how to manage them.

## Autumn 2

After half term we will be fully immersed in the Year 3 curriculum. Our topic will be Brazil and we will look to make links with the topic across our learning. In English we will be writing poems and non-chronological reports about the animals which live in the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil. In Maths we will multiply and divide by 10, learning to tell the time and investigating the properties of 2D shapes. In Science we will be looking at forces and magnets, learning about different magnet strengths and how the magnetic poles work. In Geography we will be learning about climate zones, biomes and looking at how the land use has changed over time in Brazil as well as what is exported. In Art we will explore the work of Frida Kahlo and create our own collage of a rainforest using techniques we have learned. In RE we will be studying Christianity and the teachings of Jesus as well as what the Bible says about Christmas. In Computing we will develop our word processing skills, looking at editing text and using the different functions within Word.

## Homework

### Reading

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 3 will be issued with a level appropriate reading book provided by school. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would be grateful if you could initial their Personal Log each time you hear them.

### Maths

To support the new times tables tests which will happen nationally in Year 4, the children will be given time in school to practise their times tables and will be tested regularly. They will be given a login for programme called Times Tables Rock Stars which they can use to practise at home. The teachers will set the homework through this programme.

### Spellings

The children will be set a new spelling list once a week for testing the following week. These are glued into their personal logs and the children practise and record their tests in this book so it is really important that they remember to bring it to school each day. We find that practising for a few minutes everyday really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.

### Topic

We also set a homework project per topic which enables the children to further explore their learning. The children are encouraged to complete this homework and we share all of the projects with the whole year group.

Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise the skills they have learned. Those who complete their homework regularly and to a good standard will earn rewards.

### Snack

Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime.

## Upcoming Events in Autumn

- Parents' Evening—details will be released nearer the time