

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023

CLASS: Sage Class

Year 3



Class News:

Sage Class has settled into year 3 amazingly! I've already seen so many great examples of our 4 rules: Be ready, Be safe, Be respectful and Be responsible as well as our school values of Friendship, Respect, Excellence and Responsibility. I hope we can all continue showing these and have a great year learning together.

Reminders: Please ensure your child's uniform, PE kit, coats and bags are clearly labelled. Please bring a water bottle to school everyday and remember to bring a healthy snack for break time. If your child is having school dinners, please order a school lunch at home on School Grid.

IMPORTANT: We are a nut free school.

PE days and kit:

PE will begin the week of 11th September and will be every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please come to school in full PE kits (red t-shirt, black joggers or shorts, black hoodie (optional) and trainers).

Homework

Homework is set weekly on Friday's on Google Classroom. Homework will be due in (online) the following Friday. Homework will consist of:

- Spellings to practice for a weekly test in class
- Maths learning including questions to answer on mymaths
- Times table rockstars
- Reading (At least three times a week) or AR quizzes (for those on AR).
- Questions on a foundation subject



CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

In Year 3, we will learn how to plan and evaluate our writing. We will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction pieces of writing, and exploring plot points or key points, the setting and the characters. We will finish each unit with a piece of independent writing. These are the following units for the whole of Autumn term in order:

- The Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- An advertising brochure for Skara Brae
- The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton
- I asked the little boy who couldn't see (poem)



English reading

We will be continuing daily reading in small groups. The focus is on improving sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. We will also be doing daily independent reading. Please make sure you read with your child at least three times a week and bring their home reading book to school every day. For those on AR, please make sure you are reading at least 1 book (per week) and taking the quiz.



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Mathematics

We will revisit our learning on place value and develop our learning on partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. We will learn to make different representations of the same number. We will use our learning on place value to solve problems and develop our knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be using formal methods to solve problems, including the column method.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

This term we will be looking at the topic, Rocks and Soils. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. We will also describe, in simple terms, how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. We will be recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. After half term we will focus on Forces and Magnets, exploring the different forces during certain movements of action, what causes friction and how different materials react to a magnet.



PSHE

This term our focus is on 'Being Me'. We have already started thinking about our dreams and goals this year and what we would like to achieve.

Autumn 2 will focus on 'Celebrating Differences' and we'll be sharing about the beauty of diversity.



RE

Our big question for this term will be about believing: 'What do different people believe about God?'

We will explore Hinduism and learn what they believe about gods and goddesses. Making comparisons with other belief systems will help us to open our mind about different ways of thinking, encouraging questioning and discussion.



French



As we are now in key stage 2, the children have a fantastic opportunity to learn French. Learning a new language is really exciting and will also help them to feel like global citizens as we understand different ways of speaking/writing, the use of accents and specific sounds that we don't have in English, as well as the culture. The focus this term will be on greetings and adjectives in French. Pronunciation will be a key part of the term, focusing on using the French sounds when speaking.

PE

We will cover the following units in P.E this Autumn term: Dance (focusing on teamwork and creativity), Fundamentals (running, jumping etc) and Handball (learning the skills needed to play the game).



History/Geography

We will be learning about the exciting period of history between the Stone Age and the Iron Age, exploring how people survived at that time. We will learn about sources and artefacts, exploring how we use these to understand how people lived.

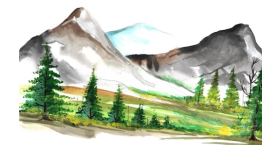
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We will be learning about mechanisms and using our knowledge and skills to create a storybook with functional and creative mechanisms to aid in our storytelling.



Art

This term we will explore tone in regards to colour, how to blend colours together to create different tones and how to apply this to landscape drawings of mountains.



Computing

We have started this year thinking about how we can stay safe online. We revisited our E-Safety learning from Year 2 and have thought about internet safety in more detail. This included learning about what information is personal or private and who we can share this information with. We have discussed strong and weak passwords and who can see what is shared on the internet.

This term, we will also begin our new topic: Computer Networks. We will explore how a website works and how files and documents travel.

Music

In Music this term, we will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch and how they work together. We will continue to appraise music by listening carefully to details and talking about themes, feelings and instruments, as well as singing along to new songs we will be learning.



We will be learning the recorder this year with a musician from the Enfield Music Service and will focus on learning the notes, reading music and playing in time.

Special Days / Weeks



Wednesday 13th September: Roald Dahl Themed Lunch.

Friday 15th September: Rosh Hashanah lunch.

Friday 22nd September: Harvest Festival Lunch.

23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023: Half Term

30.10.2023 - 03.11.2023: Making a Difference Week

Thursday 5th October: Year 3 cooking workshop

Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Lunch

Halloween Disco after school

Friday 3rd November: Bonfire Night Lunch

Friday 10th November: Remembrance Day Lunch

13.11.2023 - 17.11.2023: Anti Bullying Week

Monday 13th November: Diwali Themed Lunch

04.12.2023 - 08.12.2023: Enterprise Week

Tuesday 5th December: Hanukkah Themed Lunch

Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Themed Lunch

Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Term