**Year 3 Autumn Curriculum Overview**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children back to school. Outlined are the main topics that we will be learning about during the autumn term. **Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.**



 **English**

This term in Year 3 English, we'll be diving into a variety of writing styles, including setting and character descriptions, and writing persuasive adverts based on the story *Leon and the Place Between*. We will also retell familiar stories like *The Egyptian Cinderella* and innovate on a five-part narrative. Later in the term, we'll learn to write a set of instructions through a hands-on project on mummification. Our grammar work will focus on using a range of conjunctions to extend sentences, varying our sentence openers with fronted adverbials, and using commas in lists. In addition, Year 3 will using a variety of adjectives and ambitious vocabulary to add detail to our writing. Our reading lessons will explore themes and vocabulary related to our humanities topic, Ancient Civilisations.

**Religion -** Our initial topic is Belonging. We will be looking at the different groups we belong to and understanding how these different groups help us. We will explore other faith traditions of showing that they belong. We will also be looking at Baptism as the first sacrament, showing how we come to belong in God’s family. After half term, we will begin preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation, learning what it means to confess our sins to God. We will finish our term by learning about Advent, preparing for the coming of Jesus.

**Mathematics**

We will be learning to:

* Addition of three numbers can be shown with a story in three parts.
* Addition of three numbers can follow a ‘first…, then…, then…, now…’ story.
* The order of adding or grouping numbers doesn’t change the total.
* Choose the most efficient order, e.g. find two numbers that make ten.
* Add across tens by using a ‘make ten’ strategy.
* Subtract across tens by subtracting through or from ten.

**History and Geography**

This term, Year 3 children will begin their study of Ancient Egypt, an early civilization. We will use timelines to understand key historical events and use evidence to learn about daily life, from their social hierarchy to religious beliefs. The unit will explore key achievements like the pyramids and mummification, and students will also engage in art projects inspired by the civilization. A special focus will be on understanding different historical sources and asking questions about the past.

**Science**

In Science this term, we will be concentrating on forces and magnets. We will consider a range of forces, compare how things move on different surfaces and investigate which objects are magnetic. We will be conducting a range of experiments and we will be considering what makes a fair test, how we take accurate and reliable measurements and how we present our results. We will also learn how to set up our own enquiry and how to evaluate our experiments.



**French**

This term, we will learn to follow classroom instructions and learn how to introduce ourselves and greet others. We will learn to count to 11 and say our age. We will also learn to describe our feelings and our family.

**Art and Design Technology (DT)**

This term, our art project will link to our topic of Ancient Egypt. We will be drawing pyramids and using shadowing to show different textures and tones. Year 3 will also be learning about shadufs and using our wood work skills to design and make our own. As part of Coventry week, the children will be taking part in the Coventry Textile Project.

**PSHE**

In Year 3, children will learn about democracy by voting, exploring how their brains work, understanding *Jesus My Friend*, and finishing with a *Celebrate* unit.

**PE**

This half term, we will be learning how to pass and dribble a football as well as taking part in Dance classes . After half term, we will be completing a range of outdoor adventure games and tennis.

**PE days are Monday and Wednesday, Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Homework is Spelling Shed and TTRS. Homework will be checked on a Wednesday.**

**Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.**