



Commonswood Nursery and Primary School

Autumn Term in Year 3

Dates to remember

- 13.9.24:** Year 3 welcome meeting at 2:30pm
- 10.10.24:** Individual photos
- 11.10.24:** Sibling photos
- 22.10.24:** Learning Review meetings
- 24.10.24:** Learning Review meetings

Half Term: 28.10.24—1.11.24

- 29.11.24:** Occasional Day
- 9.12.24:** KS2 Church Service
- 10.12.24:** KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.24:** Christmas/Bright jumper day

School closes for Christmas: 19.12.24

E-Safety Theme: Online Reputations, Online Relationships, Online Bullying and Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle .

Emotions of the term: Fear and Anger

English

In English we will be reading the Iron Man, by Ted Hughes. We will learn about the features of recount (first person, past tense, chronological order) and learn the importance of paragraphs when writing stories. We will be writing our own ending to the Iron Man, based on the Chapter 'The Space-Being and the Iron Man'

We will also write some instructions based on the Iron Man, about how to dig a huge hole.



We will then learn about fables, and read an alternative fable called 'War and Peas' by Michael Foreman. We will learn about the different features of fables and use these to write our own fables based on 'War and Peas'

Maths

In maths, we will be starting with place value and regrouping using maths equipment such as dienes. Also counting up and down in 1's, 10's and 100's. We will be learning to estimate and round numbers including with measurements. We will also be developing our addition and subtraction skills and using the written method to help us calculate answers.

We will be completing word problems and interpreting data from pictograms and charts. We learn to recognize angles - including right, obtuse and acute angles. We also learn to recognize parallel and perpendicular lines and horizontal and vertical lines.

Lastly, we will be exploring shape - including learning how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes, as well as in worded problems.



Science

In science we are learning about skeletons of humans and animals including the functions of different bones. We are also looking at vertebrates and invertebrates, joints and movements and muscles.

We will then be exploring nutrition and diet. We will be learning about food groups and the importance of eating a balanced diet.

We are also looking at sustainability and how we can reduce our food waste.

Finally we will be learning about rocks - investigating the different rock types and comparing and classifying different rocks based on their properties.

We will also test rocks to see how hard they are, if they float and if they react to vinegar.



P.E.

In PE, we will be developing our ball skills, including improving our throwing and catching accuracy. We will also develop our skills in indoor athletics and after half term we will develop our communication and teamwork during PE activities.



Music

Linking with the History topic, we will explore 'Stone age' musical instruments, the materials used and attempt to make our own! Musical notation will be developed through Stone age word rhythms and a famous song with a great drum riff.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be starting with the theme Being Me in My world. We will be learning about: setting personal goals and facing new challenges, understanding why rules are learnt—relating to our rights and responsibilities. We also learn how our actions affect ourselves and others, along with learning how to work well with others.

The next theme is Celebrating Differences where we understand that every family is different and how to resolve conflicts. We will also learn about what bullying is and how to deal with bullying. We will be looking at how kind and encouraging words can have a positive effect on us.



History

We will be learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age at the beginning of Year 3. We will learn about the everyday lives of Stone Age men and women, discover what tools they used, where they lived and cave paintings. We will also learn how England changed between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

We will then learn about Ancient Egyptians after half term. We will learn about hieroglyphics and the Rosetta Stone, mummification, the famous pyramids, pharaohs and the importance of the River Nile. We will also be going to the British Museum to visit their Egyptian exhibition and see the famous artefacts in real life.



French

We will have the opportunity to explore facts about France - including food, landmarks, famous people and currency. Key French sounds will be learnt to help with the pronunciation of: days of the week, months, seasons and weather.



Design and Technology

We will link our Design and Technology to our History unit of the Stone Age, by making Stone Age stew.

We will learn what vegetables they ate in the Stone Age, to then use in our stew. We will also have a taste test of the vegetables to see what we like.

We will learn different chopping methods, to safely chop vegetables. We will then boil the vegetables we chopped together to make our stew.

R.E

In RE, we will be learning about Islam. We will learn about Ramadan, and Islam's religious text, the Qu-ran.

After half term, we will be learning about Christianity, specifically looking at the Angel Gabriel and the role of the shepherds in the Christmas story.



Forest School

We will be using the outdoor space throughout the curriculum. We aim to have a full day in the Orchard after half term.



Art

We will begin Art by developing our sketching skills, particularly by exploring and copying different textures. We will explore textures in nature and sketching trees to show as much texture as possible.

We will then develop our watercolour skills, by exploring different techniques with watercolour, some of which involve adding texture. We will then practice the different techniques and then apply them to create an effective sunset background.

The artist we are focusing on is Vincent Van Gogh, especially his use of texture in his paintings and artwork.

Reminders:

- **Reading** - Children must read with an adult at least 5 times a week. Please record this in their reading record book
- **Times Tables** - we have times tables tests on a Friday, which include multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please practice on Times Tables Rockstars every week.
- **Spellings** - We set them on a Friday and test them on a Tuesday.
- **Home Learning Task** - We set on a Friday and hand in on Tuesday. The subjects will be English and Maths.
- **PE** - Please bring in PE kits on a Monday, and take them home on Friday.