

Autumn One in Year 3



English

We are writing in a range of genres including persuasive, extended description (narrative) and poetry.

Our grammar focus is the correct use of commas and question marks. We are also learning to make our writing more exciting by using expanded noun phrases; developing our vocabulary each day. We learn weekly spellings and practise these on EdShed. Our handwriting focus is correct formation and joining techniques.

Our focus texts...



This half term we are contributing to the Harvest Festival assembly and singing as a class to the whole school and wider audience.

We are attending a rugby festival with other local schools.

Maths

We are revisiting 2 digit numbers to develop our understanding and reasoning, giving us a solid foundation to build on in KS2.

We are developing our understanding of fact families using multiplication and division. Our times tables will focus on the 2, 5 and 3's.

Art

We are focusing on portraits this half term and working towards the final creation of a self-portrait in the style of Tim Burton.

We will be exploring drawing techniques through experimentation of mark making and by using different drawing equipment. We will focus on creating tone and shade with emphasis on adding highlights to our work.

Science

We are learning about the different types of rocks and their properties as well as how fossilisation occurs. We are developing our scientific enquiry skills and completing investigations using enquiry questions such as 'Which rock is the best for building a new pavement?'

We are also learning about different types of soils and carrying out a comparison study.



Geography

We are learning about coastal areas around the UK this half term. We are exploring maps using Google Earth, Google maps and atlases.

We are learning about the causes of coastal erosion as well as the features created when coastal erosion occurs including arches, sea caves and stacks.

We are comparing coastal areas around the UK to those around the world including Benidorm, Antarctica and The Great Barrier Reef.

We are beginning to understand the use of different beaches for tourism purposes.

RE

Our focus this half term is the religion of Christianity.

Our enquiry question is 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?'

We are learning about the Christian belief of creation as well as exploring the events and rituals they partake in while following God.

Music

We are learning to read musical notes to recognise the pulse. We are demonstrating our understanding by using a range of different percussion instruments.

We also participate in weekly drumming and ocarina sessions.

PSHE

We are learning within the theme of emotions and feelings.

Our focus emotion is anger.

We are learning how anger feels and how to respond to it. We are creating coping methods and an understanding of why we may feel this way.

Computing

During focused Computing sessions, we are learning about processing, including the input and output.

We are developing our confidence for using the Chrome books in daily learning tasks and becoming familiar with logging in, using the search bar and bookmarking important pages.

E-Safety is taught at the beginning of each half term.

PE

We participate in swimming lessons each week, led by qualified swimming instructors.

We are developing our strike and field skills through cricket. A coach from Northumberland County Cricket Club is teaching us the rules and game play of the sport.