

Year 3 Curriculum Autumn Term 2019

I hope that your child has settled well into their new class, and is enjoying the start of the new school year.

We thought you would find it useful to have a clear idea about the skills and vocabulary your child will be learning this term. The information below is, of course, only a starting point, and they will learn much more than we have written down!

Key Learning: English and maths

Reading	Writing	Maths
Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding what they read by listening to and discussing a range of books	1 6,	Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number
Understand what they read in books by drawing simple	Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause	Find 100 more or less than a given number
inferences such as characters feelings, thoughts and motives		Add and subtract numbers mentally including 3-digit numbers and ones/tens/hundreds

Spellings

Accident, actually, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult

Online Safety

The children will be taught about our Acceptable User Agreement, and study the ThinkUKnow programme 'Play, Like, Share'. You can find out more about this here:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/



Autumn Term Key Vocabulary and Skills

This is a brief overview of some of the vocabulary the children will learn this term. It is the minimum we expect all of the children to know and understand well by Christmas.

Art - Drawing

Vocabulary	Skills
stripes - narrow band of a different colour	Use sketchbooks to record observations and use them to review and revisit
symmetrical - A balance of parts on opposite sides of a midline	Develop control and range of materials to make marks with a wide range of drawing
spiral - a plane curve generated by a point moving around a fixed point while constantly	implements including charcoal and oil pastels.
receding from or approaching it	Learn about a great designer.
zig-zag - a line or a pattern that looks like a z shape.	
jagged - having ragged notches, points, or teeth	

Computing - 'We are Bug Fixers'

Vocabulary	Skills
Bug – a mistake in a computer program	Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct
debug - Debugging is checking the code in a computer program to ensure it works, and	errors in algorithms and programmes
changing it if it doesn't.	
Programme - A computer program is a collection of instructions or algorithms designed to	
simplify processes	
Algorithm - An algorithm is a set of instructions that we complete in order to achieve a task.	
Script - part of a program	

Human and Physical Geography - Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Vocabulary	Skills
Volcanoes – a mountain from which hot melted rock, gas, steam and ash from inside the	Understand the processes that give rise to key physical features of the world
Earth sometimes burst	
Earthquakes – a shaking of the ground caused by the movement of the Earth's crust	
Magma – molten rock formed in very hot conditions from inside the earth	
Lava – a very hot liquid rock that comes out of a volcano	
Crater – a large hole in the ground caused by an explosion	

History - Changes in Britain for the Stone Age to the Bronze Age Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture

Vocabulary	Skills
Trade	Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the use of historical terms
Barter – exchanging goods, rather than selling them for money	
Surplus – more than needed	Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant
Subsistence – just having enough food or money to stay alive	historical information



Raw materials – material still in its natural or original state

How societies are governed and ruled

Nomad – a member of a group who travel from one place to another

Hunter-gatherer – hunted for food rather than farming it

Clans – groups where families are related to each other

Oral tradition – components of a culture that are transmitted orally through a generation

Music Glockenspiel Stage 1

Vocabulary	Skills
Dynamics – the degree of loudness called for in a performance	Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes
Echo – a sound caused by a noise reflecting off of a surface	Instruments - Glockenspiels
Lyrics – the words of a song	
Melody – a tune	
Glockenspiel – an instrument which consists of metal bars of different lengths	

PE 1. Basketball 2. Football

Vocabulary	Skills
Basketball	Vary skills, actions and ideas and link these in ways that suit the games activity.
Contact – holding, pushing, tripping or charging another player.	Uses skills with co-ordination and control.
Dribble – bouncing the ball with one hand whilst walking or running.	
Passes – chest, bounce, overhead, baseball passes are when the ball travels from one player	
to another.	
Referee – the person who is in charge of the game.	
Shooting – attempting to throw the ball into the basket.	
Football	
Advantage – a rule may have been broken, but the referee continues playing because the	
team has the ball.	
Final Whistle – a whistle that is blown to show the end of the game.	
Goal – when the ball crosses the goal line.	
Half time – a break for the players between the two halves.	
Throw In – a player uses their hands to get the ball back in play after it has gone off of the	
pitch.	



Science Rocks

Vocabulary	Skills
Sedimentary - Sedimentary rocks like sandstone or chalk are formed over millions of years	Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in
when sediments (tiny pieces of rocks and organic matter) are pressed together.	answering questions.
Metamorphic - Metamorphic rocks like slate or marble are formed when other kinds of rock	
(igneous or sedimentary) are changed due to heat or pressure.	Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar
Igneous - Igneous rock is one of the three kinds of rock present on Earth. It is formed when	charts, and tables.
magma or lava from volcanoes cools; basalt and granite are both igneous rocks.	
Fossil – the hard remains of a prehistoric animal or plant found inside a rock	
Soil – the substance on the surface of the earth in which plants grow	
Magma – molten rock that is formed in very hot conditions inside the earth	
Lava – a very hot liquid rock that comes out of a volcano	

Science Animals including humans

Vocabulary	Skills
Nutrition – the process of taking food into the body and absorbing its nutrients	Reporting on findings from enquiries, using relevant scientific language, including oral and
Skeleton – the framework of the bones in your body	written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.
Muscle – a piece of tissue in the body which connects two bones	
balanced diet – a diet consisting of the proper quantities and proportions of food needed to	
maintain health	

Home Learning

We would like all children to read their Accelerated Reader book as often as they can, but at least three times a week for about 20 minutes a time. They need to learn their spellings (their teacher will let you know which ones each week). We would also like them to spend time practising their maths skills using Mathletics and TTRockstars. We will make sure you get logins for these as soon as possible.