



# YEAR 3

## AUTUMN TOPICS

### 2018

Welcome to Year 3! Following feedback from the parent questionnaire, we are adding more guidance to the termly curriculum letter to help you support your child's learning at home. This will continue to evolve over the course of the year but please let us know how we this could be developed further in the coming terms.

#### Maths

Over the course of the Autumn term we will be covering place value, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. In addition, there will be a daily mental maths fluency practice focussing on quick recall facts.

#### English

- Stories set in during the Stone Age
- Explanation texts based on 'Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions'
- Autumn poetry

#### Science

Why doesn't the sea dry up? A topic exploring the three states of matter, solids, liquids and gases, and how we change between these.

Are we really what we eat? A look at the digestive system and the importance of a balanced diet.

#### Creative Curriculum

The Croods: Fact or Fiction?

Children will explore the Stone Age to find out if ideas from the film are historically accurate.

The Croods: What came next?

A look at how Britain changed moving into the Bronze and Iron ages.

#### Computing

Children will learn about coding using Purple Mash to be able to create their own games. We will also look at how we stay safe on the internet.



#### RE

- Who can inspire us?
- What do Christians believe about a good life?

#### Music

- Composition and beat
- Introduction to recorders

#### PE

- Rugby
- Dance
- Gymnastics

#### French

- Numbers and Greetings
- Classroom phrases
- Adjectives
- Creating sentences

#### How to help at home

The children have access to a range of different websites which will support their learning. They should already know their passwords and be able to access these sites but if there are any problems please let us know.

**Db Primary** – Allows the children to share work with their classmates, check the class pages and download spellings, learning log sheets and communicate with the class teacher.

**Purple Mash** – A new learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities.

**Bug Club** – An online reading programme which allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these.

**Homework**

The Government recommends that Year 3 pupils spend 90 minutes on homework per week (plus reading). However, the emphasis at Talbot is on how effectively homework helps your child to learn, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time. Therefore, we hope that all tasks are meaningful.

**Reading Books**

All the children in Year 3 have a reading record book and access to the reading scheme. They will have the opportunity to change their reading books on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Listening to your child read at home, asking questions and checking their comprehension still has lots of benefits, so please sign reading records when you have done this. Please also encourage children to read home/library book to develop their love of reading.

**Spellings**

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will be set a list of words on Friday and these will be focused on during the following week's lessons. The children should also revise the list at home, as they will be tested on it on the following Friday.

**Learning Log**

For each Creative Curriculum topic a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be shared with the children and glued in the Learning Logs.

**Maths Homework**

A small amount of maths homework is set on Tuesday by your child's maths teacher; this homework is due in on the Friday of the same week. Also, please support your child with learning their times tables (little and often works well). New government expectations are that all children will know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4 including related division facts.

**PE**

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that children have appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE. Long hair should be tied up during lessons and all jewellery including earrings, watches and fitbits should be removed.

**Trips and Visitors**

At the end of the Autumn term children will take part in 'Cave School' with special time travelling visitors. More information about the trip will be sent out nearer the time.

**Additional Websites**

The following websites may offer additional support.

[www.uk.ixl.com/](http://www.uk.ixl.com/) – 10 questions daily covering maths, spelling, and grammar objectives

[www.multiplication.com/games/all-games](http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games) – times tables practise.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> – help and advice on a wide range of school subjects..

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> – maths games and advice

<https://www.spellingcity.com/> – a variety of spelling games