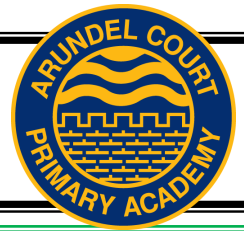


Year 3 Curriculum News



Maths

The key areas covered this term:

- Developing our knowledge of numbers and place value in 3-digit numbers. This will involve lots of counting practice.
- Reading, writing and comparing numbers, including ordering them and completing missing number sequences.
- Mental addition and subtraction focusing on adding ones, tens and hundreds to a 3-digit number.
- Developing formal written methods for the addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers, including solving problems in a range of contexts.
- Estimating answers to problems by using the inverse operation to calculate and check answers.
- Securing our multiplication and division facts for the 10x, 5x and 2x tables as part of our school's Magnificent Multiplication scheme.

Computing

We will practise using some basic IT skills such as typing, copying, pasting and saving files as part of our work. We will learn about ESafety ensuring that we use the internet safely, both in school and at home. Also, we will learn how to access and use Microsoft Teams to support home learning.

Music

This term, the children will listen to and learn the signed version of a song called 'Let Your Spirit Fly' which is a two-part song with a simple glockenspiel accompaniment. In the second half term, we will develop our glockenspiel skills and begin to recognise and read simple musical notation.

Art and Design Technology

For our Art unit, we will be exploring the art work created by prehistoric humans. We will then use our knowledge to create our own cave paintings using natural resources.

In DT lessons, we will learn about the traditional Victorian recipe for mince pies before developing our food preparation and cooking skills to make an adapted version of this festive treat in class.

YEAR 3 - 2020 Autumn Term

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST



Welcome Back!

We have loved having all the children back in school. They have settled in really well to their new classes and have adapted to all the new routines that we have in place to keep us all safe.

Please remember that if you need to speak with your child's teacher, we can be contacted by email. Thank you for your continued support.

Science

Our science units this term, we will investigate different materials, their properties and their uses. Through various experiments over the term, we will learn how to make predictions, carry out fair tests as scientists and present our findings. We will also explore rocks and soils, including the process by which fossils are formed.

History

'Survival of the Fittest' is our theme for the autumn term. We will begin learning about the 'Savage Stone Age' - the lives of early humans and how they have evolved in order to survive. Later on in the term, we will learn about the 'Cut-throat Celts,' including tribal life, weaponry and survival. Both these areas will focus on the impact that early humans had on modern day living.

RE

Our religious study for the autumn term is based around the concepts of 'belonging' in the Jewish faith and 'thankfulness' in Christianity. In the lead up to Christmas, we will focus on the importance of 'symbols' in Christianity, in particular, Christingles.

English

For the first half term in English, we are focusing on acrostic poetry. As part of this unit, we will learn a poem 'off by heart' to perform in assembly to the rest of the school. Following this unit, we will be writing diary entries and setting descriptions. We will practise using a range of powerful vocabulary and grammatical skills to describe the life in the Stone Age.

For our non-narrative unit next half term, we will be looking at a variety of instructive texts and then producing our own based on our topic the 'Stone Age'. We will also produce our own instructions for a marvellous medicine based on Roald Dahl's story 'George's Marvellous Medicine.'

We will be having a huge push on handwriting and the spelling of phase 5/6 phonics this term and would appreciate any support you could give your child with this at home.

PSHE

Our focus for PSHE this term will be 'Being Me in Our World.' This will concentrate on settling into a new year group and finding our place in the school community and beyond. For the second half term we will be celebrating differences and respectfully challenging common stereotypes.

PE/Games

During this half term, we will be taking part in a Hampshire School Games Virtual Competition. The activities focus on the skills around football (passing, dribbling, running and shooting) and athletics (shuttle runs, agility running, jumping and target throwing).

We will record the scores and times to enter the children to the competition.

Reminders

Please remember that school starts promptly at 9am. We kick start our days with handwriting so it is essential that your child is on time for this!

Our PE day is every Friday. Please make sure your child **COMES INTO SCHOOL** wearing appropriate sports clothes and shoes (trainers or plimsolls). They will remain in their PE kits all day.