

OUR Y3 AUTUMN CURRICULUM



HANDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



English

In English, students will write two chapters of a story with a clear sequence, organised into paragraphs. They will focus on the dramatic atmosphere and cliff hangers from the story of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Next, they will create a procedural text on how to make a cushion. After that, the children will enjoy re-writing the story How to Train your Dragon and finally, we will be creating a non-chronological report in the form of a fact poster, comparing two places around the world.



Geography

In Geography this term, the children will be studying climate and weather. We will identify climate zones around the world and explore biomes within them. The children will identify flora and fauna, features of each and explore the differences between each area.



PE

In PE, we will be going swimming during the autumn term. This will take place on a Monday afternoon and girls will be required to wear a full piece swimming costume and boys should wear trunks or swim shorts. Goggles are allowed if your child wishes to wear them. We will also be practising handball and mindfulness in our second session of PE. A reminder that PE kit is a plain white T-shirt and black shorts.



Reading

This term, we will be The Iron Man and How to Train your Dragon, two amazing class novels. The Iron Man is an excellent story full of excitement and suspense whereas How to Train your Dragon is a fantastic story of determination and adventure. We will also be learning lots of new information during linked text sessions, where we vary our text types linking to other areas of the curriculum for a deeper understanding.

Science

In Science, we will be exploring Plants and Light. We will learn all about what plants need to grow and the different functions of each part of the plant. We will also be investigating light. We will be exploring the different light sources, how light travels and how shadows are formed. Practical investigations will explore how a shadow changes.

Maths

In Maths we will focussing on key facts and securing our fluency with them. We will be starting the year with addition and subtraction deepening our understanding and improving our reasoning and problem-solving skills. In addition to this, times table knowledge is extremely important and will support the children's learning throughout school. We will revisit 2, 5 and 10 times table facts and begin to learn our 3's.



Art

This term in Art, we will be focussing on our drawing skills. We will learn how to shade and sketch using a grid method and perspective using a horizon line. We will be exploring the work of Henri Moore, incorporating his skills into a piece of our own.



History

In History, we will explore the Stone Age, learning about life a million years ago. We will explore how they survived, looking at homes, food and lifestyle. We will understand how this information is known due to it being a period which happened a long time ago.

PSHCE

In PSHCE, we will be learning 'All about me'. We will be discussing how to follow rules and think about others' feelings. We will learn how to work together to create a healthy and welcoming place to learn. We will then explore differences, looking at conflicts and solutions.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring Hinduism and the festival of light. We will learn how Hindus celebrate and learn the story of Rama and Sita which gives the message that good triumphs over evil. Following this, we will be exploring the Christian celebration of Christmas and the Christmas story.

Music

In Music, we are excited to be welcoming Sing Education into school. They will be delivering exciting, fun filled lessons over the year. In addition to this, Year 3 will be learning to play the glockenspiel as part of their practical curriculum.



Computing

In Computing over the term, the children will be learning general IT skills as well as using different programmes to explore film making, sound production, data handling and coding. Each child will have their own iPad in school which will allow them to work independently.



DT

In DT, we will be designing and making cushions. The children will learn how to use cross stitch and running stitch whilst assembling and decorating their work. We will be holding our Year 3 enterprise day for parent to purchase some of the pieces of work the children make to raise money towards their spring and summer trips.

Please support your child with learning times tables. They should already be confident with 2, 5 and 10 x tables and should be secure in 3, 4 and 8's by the end of Year 3.
Thank you

