



Year 3 Autumn 1

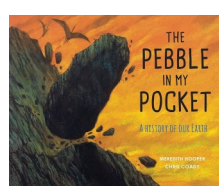
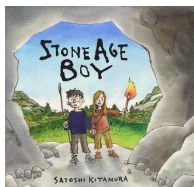
This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this half term and ideas of how to support them with their learning at home.

English

This term's English will be slightly different to last term. We will be spending our time learning about 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' to develop our punctuation and grammar skills. We will have three key focuses:

Focus 1: Nouns Focus 2: Verbs Focus 3: Subject and Verb

Key texts for this half term:



Writing unit 1: Mammoth information text

Our reading week develops the following skills

Lesson 1: vocabulary and retrieval.

Lesson 2: retrieval, ordering and summarizing.

Lesson 3 and 4 inference.

Lesson 5: language and inference.

We are always focusing on developing children's fluency when reading aloud.

Ideas for support at home:

- Read regularly with your child. Read to them so that they can hear what good reading sounds like and get them to read aloud to you.
- Identify effective vocabulary and think of synonyms (other words which mean the same)
- Discuss how the characters are feeling and how you know.
- Discuss what characters are like and get children to identify the evidence.
- Ask them to summarise what they have read independently.

Science

Our topic this half term is Rocks where children will be able to answer - What is under our feet?

During this topic, children will be taught to

- Know there are three different types of rock, sedimentary, metamorphic and sedimentary.
- They will look at the physical properties of the rocks and test their strength and permeability.
- They will have a chance to handle small samples of rocks such as sandstone, granite and marble.
- They will also learn how fossils are formed.

Ideas for support at home:

- Create a rock cycle worksheet
- Go out for a rock walk and see what different types of rocks you can spot
- Bake your own trace fossils. Follow your favourite biscuit recipe. Before you bake the biscuits, use a small plastic toy dinosaur (or other animal) to make footprints in the dough.
- Research Mary Anning, the original fossil hunter

Maths

Place value

Numbers up to 1000: read, write, order, compare and know the value of each digit through partitioning.

Count from 0 in multiples of 50 and 100.

Find 10 more or 100 less than any given number.

Addition and Subtraction

Add and subtract a 3 digit number and 1's, 10's and 100's mentally.

Use formal written method of column addition/subtraction for 3 digit numbers with and without an exchange.

Multiplication

Count from zero in multiples of 2, 5 and 10

Complete weekly timetables worksheets

Ideas for support at home

- Keep practicing your child's timestables up to 12 x 12 (TT Rockstars will help with this).
- Play hit the button online on topmarks to support with their timestables
- Practise key written column addition and subtraction
- Carry out practical activities e.g. playing shopkeepers with real money to get children to practice their mental calculations.

Useful websites



Top Marks—Hit the Button



BBC Bitesize maths

RHE Jigsaw



Being Me in My World

In this unit children will think about the year ahead, including how to help others feel welcome, how to make our school community a better place and think about everyone's right to learn.

Support your child at home by discussing their goals and regularly giving them opportunities to talk about any challenges. Talk about how to work well with others and how to show we care for each other.

MFL – French



Salutations - greetings

- Your child will learn how to say "hello" (formally and informally).
- Say "my name is" in French.
- Ask somebody in French how they are feeling and give reply.
- Say "goodbye" in French and "see you soon" in French.

Bonjour... Au revoir...

Je m'appelle... Ca va? ... Comme ci, comme ça...

Computing

Connecting



Children develop their understanding of computer systems and explain how digital devices function. They learn to identify input and output devices and recognise how they can change the way we work. They also look at how a computer network can be used to share information.

Talk to your child at home about searching the internet safely.

RE

What do people believe about God? (Christianity)

- Explore ideas about God for themselves and to consider what that might mean to Christians.
- Asking questions to help understand God
- Exploring what Christians believe about God and how they respond to God

Support your child by talking about the importance of prayer in your own life. You can visit St. Peter's Church in Wolverhampton, which is open from 11-2 Mon-Fri.

PE

Unit 1 - Personal



In this unit your child will work on their coordination through their footwork. They will practice static balance on 1 leg and dynamic balance and agility through jumping and landing. They will also work on their ball skills, sending and receiving.

Music

Let your spirit fly by Joanna Mangona



Children will listen to and appraise a range of RnB, reggae and pop songs.

They will learn the notes D, E and F on the Glockenspiel to accompany their singing.

Listen to these other songs with your child :

- Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin.
- You Gotta Be by Des'ree
- Lean on Me by Bill Withers
- Respect by Aretha Franklin

Special Focus. Over the half term, in addition to work in lessons, we will also be focusing on the following things.

Thursday 5th September: Year 3 Stone Age Day visit at Outback2Basics

Week beginning Monday 16th September: After school clubs start

Friday 27th September 2pm: Merridale Marathon - parents, carers and family invited to attend

Tuesday 1st October: Black History Month celebration day

Wednesday 2nd October: Year 3 to Children's Book Show at The Grand Theatre

Thursday 3rd October: Special lunchtime menu

Wednesday 9th October 3.30-8pm Whole school Meet the Teacher sessions for parents and carers (no after school dance club today)

Friday 11th October: Food Bank Friday collection

Friday 11th October: NSPCC Speak out, stay safe assembly and workshops

Friday 25th October: Diwali celebration day

Friday 25th October 3.20pm: School closes for half term

Completed a challenge?

Please send any completed activities (images, videos)

to office@merridaleprimary.co.uk

History, geography, art and DT are taught through a topic based approach.

Information about your child's current topic will be sent home at the start of each new topic.