

RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2017

YEAR 3 & 4

Years 3 and 4 Staff

3A - Miss Arnold

3/4F - Mrs Ferguson

4G - Mr Gleave

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Woodberry

Mrs Perry

Mrs Cartwright

Maths - Year 3

In maths, children will concentrate on place value work, using equipment to build fluency when comparing and ordering numbers and recognise the value of each digit in a three digit number. They will move onto adding and subtracting numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds. They will add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction. In multiplication and division work, the children will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. The children will continue to be tested weekly on their knowledge of their multiplication tables. Problem solving will form an integral element of most mathematics topics.

Maths - Year 4

Children will concentrate on place value work, using equipment to build fluency when comparing and ordering numbers and recognise the value of each digit in a four digit number. They will find 1000 more or less than a given number. They will become familiar with reading, ordering, comparing and adding to numbers over 1000. When counting backwards, they will start to use negative numbers. They will learn to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Problem solving will form an integral element of all number work. Children will also learn about and begin to use Roman Numerals. Children will learn to add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits. When solving problems, they will make estimates beforehand, and use inverse methods to check their answers. In multiplication, children will be working towards knowing all multiplication and division facts for times tables, up to and including 12×12 . We would be grateful if you could please support your child in learning their tables at home.

English

Reading will continue to be taught on an ongoing basis through whole class, individual reading and Guided Reading sessions. We would be grateful if you could please hear your child read at home daily, and ensure that they bring their book back to school every day.

In our English lessons the children will study 'fractured stories' - these are stories that uses traditional stories and fairy tales as a basis for retelling and changing something such as character, setting, plot or viewpoint. As well as helping pupils to deepen their understanding of different story elements, fractured stories provide motivating reasons to write. Pupils can let their imaginations run wild! Pupils will also have weekly spellings to learn at home and complete a weekly spelling test in class.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is history based - '**Roman Adventure**', studying the legend of the founding of the Roman Empire and naming the main characters, examining the ruling systems, researching about the expansion of the Empire, the invasion of Britain and the events leading to Boudicca's rebellion.

Art

In Art the children will examine and create their own Roman mosaics, thinking about colours, motifs and borders.

Science

In science, the children will be studying teeth and eating, how to care for their teeth and healthy eating - what makes a healthy balanced diet, the food groups, how they get nutrition from what they eat, how to maintain healthy bones, joints and skeletons.

ICT

In ICT the children will become comic writers, learning how to produce their own comic strips.

Music

The children will have the opportunity to learn to play the fife with lessons being led by a teacher from Dudley Performing Arts. Fife lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons.

French

The children will be taught weekly French lessons. They will develop their knowledge of spoken French and will also begin to write simple words and captions in French.

PE

In year 3 and 4 the children will be looking at different types of invasion games. As PE lessons will be outside and with the weather getting cooler, children are advised to have jumpers and tracksuit bottoms available should they wish to use them.

P.E./Games for 3A - Wednesdays and Mondays

P.E./Games for 3/4F- Tuesdays and Fridays

P.E./Games for 4G - Tuesdays

Swimming for 4G - Fridays

RE, PHSE and Citizenship

In RE the children will be studying Christianity, investigating the major Christian festivals.

In PHSE and Citizenship the children will explore the theme of 'belonging', ensuring everyone feels welcomed and valued, thinking about what makes a good friend, mending friendships, belonging to a group and a community and ways to help in the community.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening - 18th October 2017, 3.30pm-5.30pm

Parents Evening - 19th October 2017, 5.00pm-7.00pm

School Photographs - 14th November 2017

Visit to Environment Zone- 3A - 4th December 2017, 3/4F & 4G - 6th October 2017

Himley Road Church Christmas Journey - 3/4F - 12th December 2017, 3A - 14th December 2017,

4G - 15th December 2017

Homework

As well as weekly spellings, reading and learning their tables, the children will choose from a selection of 'home learning tasks' based on the Roman Adventure topic - they need to complete at least one task from each of the sections on the grid. The children will then have the opportunity to share their completed work with classmates in a series of 'celebration afternoons'.