



Aycliffe Village Primary School

Great oaks from tiny acorns grow Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter



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Welcome to Year 3

We are very much looking forward to working with the children in Year 3 this year.

Curriculum:

In English this half term we will be reading **Leon and the Place Between**, **The Heart and the Bottle** and **The BFG**. Support at home with reading is critical, so we ask for your support with this through daily reading and general discussions. Within handwriting sessions, we will be learning to join our letters and begin to write using cursive letter formation.

Our first Maths topic is place value, of 3-digit numbers to 1000, and then we will be moving onto addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers before moving onto multiplication and division. Children will be recapping the 2-, 5- and 10-times table before learning the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. These can all be practiced on TTRockstars, children will soon have their log in detail in their reading records.

In Science, we will be studying our class tree. Animals including humans will be our next topic, we learn about the importance of nutrition, skeleton and how muscles help us move.

For our PE lessons we will be focusing on gymnastics, learning how to balance and travel in different ways. Our other PE session will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need a swimming costume / trunks and a swimming hat and towel.

As part of our PSHE lessons we will be following Jigsaw. In the first puzzle **Being Me in My World**, the children learn to recognise their self-worth and identify positive things about themselves and their achievements. The children learn about the need for rules and how these relate to rights and responsibilities. In the second Puzzle **Celebrating Difference**, in this Puzzle we will learn about families, that we are all different and that sometimes we fall out with each other. We will talk about techniques to calm ourselves down and discuss a technique called 'solve it together.'

In Geography this half term, we be answering the question 'Is the UK the same everywhere?'

In History next half term, we will be answering the question 'Who were Britain's first builders?' where we will be looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age.

In Music we will be learning to play the ukulele.

We will be printing in Art using charcoal to create drawings exploring the different effects we can make.

We will be learning to sew as part of our textile's topic in Design and Technology by creating a Christmas decoration.

Our RE topics will be what do Hindus believe and how and why is Advent important to Christmas.

The children will also begin to learn French learning greetings and nouns in the classroom.

Things to Remember:

- PE will be a **Thursday**. Please ensure that PE kit is brought into school at the beginning of each half term and that it remains in school. We will send it home at the end of the half term. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt and dark shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.
- Swimming will be on a **Wednesday**, please bring your swimming costume/shorts, a towel and swim hat as well as goggles if you would like them.
- Remember reading books and diaries need to be in school each day, each time you read with your child please sign their record.
- Homework will be sent home each Friday, and to be handed in on a Wednesday.
- A water bottle, a waterproof coat and a hat, scarf and gloves with your name in as we will be outside come rain or shine. Also, a pair of wellies that can be left at school with your name in.
- Children can bring a piece of fruit to eat at playtime.
- Please can all items of uniform have your child's name labeled in them.



Just a small example of all the fabulous learning that has already taken place this year. Keep up to date with all of our exciting learning on Weduc!

