



Southam St James CE Academy

Year 3

Autumn Term 2024

Date: September 2024

Class: 3

Class teacher:

Mrs Russell

Teaching assistants:

Mrs Steels (Mon-Thurs AM)

Things to remember:

Pencil Cases -

Please see stationery list in homework books.

PE - Friday

Please send children to school wearing their PE kit suitable for the weather on these days. We will be outside as much as possible.

Swimming - Wednesday PM

Please ensure children have a coat in school on this day, regardless of the weather, and a healthy snack for after.

Reading books -

Reading books will be sent home from school. Children are expected to read to an adult 3 times a week.

Home Learning -

Books will be sent home on a Thursday and handed back in on a Wednesday.

Water Bottles -

Should be sent in every day, water only. Please do not send in bottles of water or Prime bottles. Water can be refilled using the classroom tap at break and lunch time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email, or drop me a message on Class Dojo. My email address is Leanne.Russell@southamstjames.covmat.org

ENGLISH

This term, we will be using our key texts, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, and *Fox* by Margaret Wild to support our work in English lessons, where we will be focusing on:

- Narration
- Explanation
- Information

Within this, our grammar focus will include:

- Forming nouns using prefixes
- Fronted adverbials to express time, place, and cause
- Using conjunctions and subordination
- Using expanded noun phrases
- Consolidating basic punctuation and using apostrophes and inverted commas
- Present perfect form of verbs

In Reading lessons, we will be using *Stone Age Tales: The Great Cave* by Terry Deary. In these sessions we will focus on reading and comprehension skills.

You can help your child by:

- **Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes at least three times a week.**
- **Encouraging your child to read for pleasure.**
- **Learning spellings when they are sent home.**

Foundation Subjects

In Autumn 1, we will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age in History, and Spatial Sense in Geography. In Art, we will be looking at Line, and The Human Body in Science. Our new RE curriculum will see us exploring *Why are nature and the seasons significant for religion and worldviews?* In Computing, we will begin with Online Safety and Computer Systems.

After half term, our History learning will be all about Ancient Egypt, and we will be learning about Settlements in Geography. In Art, we will be looking at Still Life and Form, and Cycles in Nature in Science. In RE, we will be exploring *What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?* In Computing, we will be learning how to touch type and use email systems.

MATHS

This term, we will be concentrating on:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

We will begin the term by learning more about numbers and how they are made - place value. We will be ordering, rounding, and comparing them before moving on to addition first, followed by subtraction. We'll finish the term by visiting each of the times tables and their associated divisions. Throughout this, children will be learning to reason with number and solve problems.

You can help your child by:

- **Encouraging regular times tables practise using Times Tables Rock Stars.**
- **Helping your child to learn their maths target facts - 5-10 minutes every day is ideal.**
- **Encouraging your child to tell the time.**
- **Asking your child how they found an answer, or to explain how they know an answer to be correct/incorrect.**

WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

I am very much looking forward to an exciting year, full of learning and opportunities. Over the coming term, we will be working hard to help all children settle into class routines, and to understand the expectations that come with being in Year 3 and Key Stage 2 in general.

Details regarding home learning will be communicated shortly, with all information being stuck in your child's home learning book. It is your child's responsibility to ensure they have all their equipment on the required days, and I appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks,
Leanne Russell

