

Welcome Back!

We hope you've had a restful break and are feeling recharged for Term 2. Let's ease back into our routine, stay relaxed, and enjoy the journey as we head towards the festive run-up to Christmas. Exciting times are ahead—let's make them fun and memorable!

English

In English this term, Centaur class will be studying the text *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman* by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew with the focus being on fiction writing. Through reading, discussion, drama, and writing they are developing skills in vocabulary, well-structured descriptions, explanations, and narratives. They will plan, draft, and write character descriptions in role, practicing how to follow a classic tale, use descriptive detail and organise ideas into paragraphs to then write a story at the end of term.

PE

Centaur class will have two PE sessions a week: on Tuesday and Thursday. Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kits. Our units will be Multi Skills and Street Dance.

P.S.H.E

This half term in PSHE, our focus is the 'Celebrating Difference' unit from the Jigsaw scheme. This unit helps children develop an understanding surrounding family difference and the importance of this. The children will also focus on conflict, their words and how this can affect people positively and negatively.

Topic

This Term in History - The Vikings

This term, our Year 3 students will be continuing their learning into the fascinating world of the Vikings! Through a series of engaging lessons, we will continue to explore the impact of Viking society and the legacy they left behind. Our focus will centre around two key questions:

Who were the Vikings, and why did they invade?

What was life like for the Vikings?

Children will investigate Viking raids, settlements, and aspects of daily life, using a range of historical sources, role play, creative activities, and discussion.

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers



RE

Our unit this term is: 'What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings.'

Art

In our unit, we will be continuing to explore Maurice Sendak and how he brings stories to life. The children will be creating armatures of their 2D characters bringing them to life as 3D sculptures, using mark making and colour mixing skills learnt in previous lessons. This unit encourages creativity, imagination and experimentation.

Science

This term, the children will be exploring forces, including contact forces and non-contact forces such as gravity and magnetism. They will learn through hands-on investigations, where they will make predictions, carry out fair tests, and see science in action. These practical activities are designed to be fun and engaging, helping the children to understand how forces work in the world around them while also building their understanding of key scientific vocabulary.

Maths

This term, Year 3 will be focusing on two key areas in maths:

Addition and Subtraction - We'll be developing mental and written strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, using number facts, estimating answers, and solving real-life word problems.

We will use a mix of practical activities and formal methods to build confidence and fluency in number work.

Angles and Properties of shape - We will be building understanding of the names and some of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In addition to this, children will explore symmetry, vertical and horizontal lines and how to identify a right-angle triangle.

Computing

This term our computing unit will be 'Route Planners.'

E-safety is also covered every term.

Music