



BRIGSTOCK Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3 & 4

LATHAM'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 1

English:

Writing: Our writing this term will be based around the text “The First Drawing”, written by Mordicai Gerstein. We will draw upon our historical learning about the Stone Age whilst exploring the text. The children will write diary entries, explore the conventions of speech, create character descriptions and finish by writing their own historical narratives. This text will also link to our Artwork based on Gestural drawings using charcoal.

Reading: This term we will be reading “Arthur and the Golden Rope”, written by Joe Todd Stanton. The book asks children to imagine a vault so cavernous that it could contain all the world’s greatest treasures and relics, from mummified remains of ancient monarchs to glistening swords brandished by legendary warriors. Who could be in charge of such a vault and how did he come into possession of such a unique collection? Who is...Professor Brownstone? We will be using our inference skills to find out more information as we read the text.

Spelling: Both Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to learn spelling patterns and rules, as well as common exception words, using the Spelling Ninja programme. We will be teaching spelling lessons on a Monday and expect children to use the spelling patterns and rules within their writing.



History: How can we know what life was like so long ago if nothing was written down? In History we will learn that the Stone Age refers to a long period of time that can be split into three periods: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. We will try to develop a sense of understanding to life back then, studying different periods of time, making comparisons.

Art: Gestural Drawing: This term we will learn that gestural drawing is a form of sketching. We will study artists Edgar Degas and Laura McKendry and will create light and dark images using charcoal.

PE: Our PE days are on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child’s uniform and PE kit is named. This term we will be focussing on ball skills, especially handball.

Maths: - In Year 3 we will start the year deepening our understanding of place value up to 100 and 1000. We will represent numbers to 100 and will learn how to flexibly partition numbers. We will find 1, 10 and 100 more or less than numbers and will compare numbers up to 1000. In Year 4, we will start the year with place value, representing numbers to 1000 and beyond, looking at multiples of 1000 and 4 digit numbers. We will then find 1, 0, 100 and 1000 more or less than a number and partition numbers flexibly. We will develop our fluency and use reasoning style tasks to deepen our understanding in these areas.

Science: Animals and Humans: This term we are going to learn all about the human and animal skeletal systems and how they are similar and how they are different. We will look at how animals and humans survive and what they need as part of their diet to live a healthy life. We will also look at the Eatwell plate and look at how we can maintain happy lifestyles.

RE: What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? In this topic we will describe what Christians do because they believe God is the Creator and we will ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians today.

PSHE: Respecting Ourselves and Others This term we will be thinking about how we can treat each other with respect, whilst being respectful to ourselves.

Computing: In computing, we will start the term focusing on internet safety, moving onto Coding where we will build up to using design documentation to code a program.

Music: This term we start a very exciting NMPAT brass project on a Friday afternoon. We will practise each week and will learn about different brass instruments, how to read music, breathing techniques, finger positioning and rhythm.