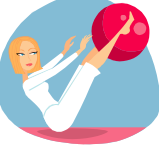


Year 3 Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2016

Welcome back to Middlefield and a new term in Holly class. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term.

Literacy 	This term the children will be exploring a range of topics covering fiction and non-fiction writing, including story writing, diary entries and explanation texts. The children will begin with studying traditional tales, making observations and comparisons about the characters, settings and plots involved, before writing their own fairy tale. Later in the term, Year 3 will be completing some diary writing based on the book <i>Diary of a Killer Cat</i>. Children will also have the opportunity to explore this text through drama and role-play.
Numeracy 	In numeracy lessons this term the children will be developing their number and calculation skills, focusing on both mental and written methods for the four operations. Children will have numeracy lessons each day along with additional sessions during the week with a focus on arithmetic. Later in the term children will be learning all about 2D and 3D shapes, looking at their properties and lines of symmetry. The children will also have the opportunity to practise their skills associated with time by reading and writing the time from analogue clocks.
Science 	In science this term the children will be learning all about animals and humans. The children will be discovering about the diets and nutrition needed for different types of animals, including humans. They will be looking at functions of skeletons and muscles. After half term, the children will be learning all about forces and magnets. They will be investigating what materials are magnetic and will also be comparing how different objects move.
History 	This term the children are learning all about the Tudors. They will be learning about various aspects of the Tudor era through a variety of sources including books, the internet and artefacts. They will be learning about key people during this period and will be using their research to complete a number of pieces of work. This will include writing comparisons between the rich and poor, diary entries and letter writing.
ICT 	This term the children will be using the laptops to help with their History research and also to produce documents. The children will be expected to type a title, change font/size/colour/position of text, save/load and retrieve a document along with manipulating pictures and adding captions. The children will also be expected to use Scratch to programme characters to follow commands and sequences.
Design and Technology	This term the children will be working with a range of materials. They will be working with a range of materials to create a Tudor character. They will be planning their work in detail and evaluating it when it is complete. The children will also have the chance to design and create some recipes.

	
Art 	This term Year 3 will be producing a range of observational art and will be focusing on adapting and refining their work. Their work will be both inside and outside, and their focuses will vary. The children will also have the chance to produce a portrait based on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.
Physical Education 	During this term Year 3 will have one PE lesson a week, dance lessons and zumba sessions! In PE the children will be covering tag rugby and netball. The children will be working on the key skills involved in these sports and they will also be working on their teamwork skills. Also, over the year the children will be looking into Health and Fitness. This will involve looking at how health, fitness and diet can affect someone's lifestyle.
Religious Education 	This term the children's RE lessons will be intricately linked with their history topic of 'The Tudors'. The children will learn all about the religious beliefs at that time. They will also learn about how Henry VIII instigated the changes in Christianity and will begin to discuss the differences between Protestants and Catholics.
Homework 	In Maths the children will be using Maths Whizz which should all be very familiar to them. Children should aim to complete a minimum of 60 minutes a week in sessions of between 20-30 minutes. Literacy homework will be sent home each week and will link into what we have been doing in class. This will about 40minutes most weeks. We will also be sending home some spellings each week to help the children to continue to develop this important skill. All year 3 children are expected to read for at least 15minutes at home most days. The minimum expectation is 3 times per week. This is extremely beneficial for their development as both readers and writers. Children will need to hand in their homelink books on a Monday each week.