

Spotlight on the curriculum

This spotlight has been written by the teachers. We hope that it gives you a brief insight into some of the work we will be completing over the next few weeks and also give you some advice as to what you could do to help your child at home.



Year 3 Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 3! Our spellings are given out at the start of each half term for your children to practise at home. Please continue reading with your child at home and writing in their reading diary. These will be checked weekly and regular readers receive a certificate in class.

What are we going to be doing and how could you help at home?		
English	What we are doing	We are going to be writing to entertain in the form of a narrative inspired by the legend of Perseus and Medusa. We will focus on expanded noun phrases, direct speech, multi clause sentences, and verbs and adverbs to entertain. We will use these skills to develop characters and action within our own legend.
	How can you help?	• Share myths and legend stories with your children. • Encourage them to add detail to their spoken sentences. • Ask them to show you their neat handwriting when practicing spellings.
Mathematics	What we are doing	We are currently focusing on securing place value of 3-digit numbers before progressing to addition and subtraction of numbers to 1000. We will be using formal written methods that include exchanging and regrouping. We will apply our knowledge through reasoning and problem solving.
	How can you help?	• Access TT Rock stars. • Spot numbers wherever you go and ask your child to read them to you. • Ask them to tell you the value of each digit in numbers to 1000. • Practise mental addition and subtraction of numbers to 20 for speedy recall of number facts.
Wider Curriculum	What we are doing	This half term, we will begin by looking at how our local environment has changed over time in Geography. In Science, we will be investigating nutrition and movement. Our History topic is Stone Age to Iron Age and we have a Stinky Stone Age day trip to Conkers which is always lots of fun!
	How can you help?	• Share your own local knowledge, and ask family and friends, about how Woodville has changed through the years. • Discuss food groups and healthy choices. Ask your child to think about which muscles they are using during exercise and play.
RE	What we are doing	Our big question this term is 'What can Christians learn from the Creation story?' We will learn the story of creation from the Bible and consider how this influences Christians beliefs on how they show care for the earth.
	How can you help?	• Discuss how you care for the environment in everyday life. • Share which aspects of the natural world you find beauty in.

Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their kits. If children wear earrings, please can you make sure that they either remove these in the morning or have tape to cover them during PE. With the weather getting cooler, please ensure they have suitable kit for when we are outside.