### English

In our reading lessons, we're going to be reading the books Greta and the Giants and The Pebble in My Pocket.

During Autumn I, we will be covering a range of genres in our writing. We'll be writing poetry, a first-person narrative with a focus on descriptions and a non-chronological report.

#### Maths

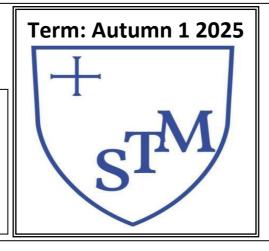
Our first topic this half term will be place value to 1,000. We will then recap our 0,1,10,5 and 2 times tables. We will also be focusing on length and perimeter through this term where we will learn to measure in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

#### Science

This term in science we will be learning about rocks where the children will be comparing and grouping different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. During this topic we will learn to describe how possils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. We will also learn to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

#### P.E

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays this half term. Our focus will be fundamental skills and OAA (outdoor adventurous activities). Children should wear their full PE kit (white/royal blue top, black/grey bottoms and trainers/pumps). Long hair should also be tied back on these days and earrings removed where possible. If this is not possible, micropore tape should be applied to cover the earrings before school.



#### **PSHE**

During this half term we will be learning about families and relationships. We will be learning about effective listening skills, non-verbal communication and how to resolve relationship problems. We will also be looking at the impact of bullying and what action can be taken; exploring trust and who to trust and that stereotyping can exist.

## Music

Singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson this term. We will be playing, improvising and composing using a selection of these notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B.



### Arł & DT

In art this term we will learn to experiment by using a range of materials, including paint, to create different marks. We will also practise mixing colours learn how to use a variety of painting techniques, including tonking and sgraffito. The children will explore how to combine techniques to create texture and shape.

In DT this term we will be exploring ways to stiffen fabric. The children will have the opportunity to cover a box with cloth and then go on to create a rigid box out of fabric.

# History & geography

In history this term, we'll be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age (BC and AD). We will be looking at the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. As well as learning about the Bronze age religion, technology and travel. When learning about Iron Age we will look at the farming, art and culture.

In Geography, we will be learning to describe and understand key aspects of human and physical geography. We will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. We will also learn to use the eight points of a compass (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.

#### RE

During this half term, we will be focusing on the question: what do Christians learn from the Creation story?

## Welcome to a new school year — welcome to year 3!

## What you can do at home:

Reading is so important, and I love to see how much the children in year 3 love to read! Please encourage your child to  $\underline{\text{read as much as possible}}$  and discuss the book with them to check their understanding. We would love it if you (or another adult) could listen to them read and sign their reading record every day.

<u>Times tables</u> are the fundamental basis of mathematics. At home, Times Tables Rockstars is a fun and enjoyable way to practise tables and keep them fresh. I will set regular challenges and there will be certificates available for milestones too!

We will be learning <u>spelling</u> rules and setting lists of spellings each week. We will work on these in class, but the children will also be bringing them home.

If you'd like to discuss anything at all or have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me - the easiest way is through Class Dojo!

Thank you,

Miss Owen 😊