



Coppice Academy

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

A huge welcome to everyone joining us in Year 3 and we hope you all had a wonderful Summer. Mrs Edwards, Mr Fowler and the whole of the Year 3 Team can't wait to work with you all and to inspire excellence in everything we do, as we look forward to helping you to start your Coppice Academy journey!

English

Reading

Our shared reading text this half-term will be 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith, a tale set about a young hedgehog called Max, who doesn't always follow the rules!

Writing

Our writing this term will involve lots of story writing inspired by animations as well as traditional and historical tales. We will also try our hand at some seasonal poetry and non-chronological report writing.

Maths

We will be beginning the year with exploring the fundamentals of Number and Place Value and the 4 main calculation operations, including:

- Read and write numbers to 1000
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s
- Adding 2-digit and 3-digit numbers
- Subtracting 2-digit from 3-digit numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8.

History

We will be taking a trip back in time to the beginning of the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age to explore the significant events, causes and impacts of this important aspect of British History. We will be using a range of primary and secondary historical sources and artefacts to re-construct the past, as well as a visit from a special guest!

Music

In Music, we will be explore the use of glockenspiels and enter the topic of 'Let your Spirit Fly'. We look to listen, appraise, perform and share different songs using a range of instruments.

RE

In RE, we will be focussing on the key principles and teachings of Hinduism and Christianity, alongside a visit to a local church.

French

In French, we will be learning a wide range of new vocabulary around the topics of greetings, family, colour, numbers and countries.

PE

In P.E this term, we will be focusing on developing our skills in gymnastics, working on balance, coordination and control. Additionally, we will be exploring team games such as handball to build teamwork, communication and tactical awareness .



Science

Our first Science lessons this year will involve the exploration of Forces and Magnets. We will be conducting many investigations into how magnets work along with considering their everyday use.

Later this term, we will be studying Light, by improving our understanding of different light sources, exploring shadows and how to keep ourselves safe by protecting our eyes from sunlight.

Art

Our Art unit this term will be looking at cave paintings, in particular the discoveries in Lascaux caves.

DT

In our DT unit this term we will be baking bread, learning a range of new skills including kneading and proofing.

JIGSAW PSHE

Our Jigsaw PHSE units will see us creating personal goals and considering the importance of our rights and responsibilities in 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences' in families.

Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring systems and networks and creating media through stop frame animation.

Key Information

Full school uniform and appropriate PE kits are essential to everyday school life at Coppice Academy and will be checked on a daily basis. We would encourage all parents and carers to support us in making sure that our pupils are full equipped for each school day. Children will need to be dressed in **PE kits** on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

Homework will be set using **Century** on Wednesdays and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. Every three weeks, writing homework will be set and is to be completed in the Writing Homework book before the following Wednesday. Children are expected to read at least 3 times per week and their School Organisers must be signed by an adult. Book Band or Reading for Pleasure books should be brought to be in school every single day and changed when required.

Please look out for your child's login details for **Spelling Shed** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**, which will be coming home next week. These platforms are a fun way for children to practise and build their skills at home while earning points and rewards.

Please join us on Wednesday 10th September to meet the teaching team, find out more about Year 3 and ask any questions you may have. On **Thursday 18th September**, we will be having a special visit from 'Portals to the Past' to further delve into our 'Stone Age' learning.

