Welcome back to Year 3!

Autumn 2 | Mrs Maders and Mrs Marsden

A new half-term means new discoveries, exciting stories and plenty of opportunities to shine! We cannot wait to explore, investigate and learn together as we head towards Advent and Christmas. Here is a little taste of what is coming up...

Maths | Let's Get Adding, Subtracting and Measuring!

How can we add, subtract and measure with confidence? We will become number detectives, solving problems using mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We will explore length, height, mass and capacity, learning to measure, compare and estimate using different units. Through practical challenges, reasoning and problem-solving, we will build our mathematical skills and confidence!

English | Inspiring Stories and Powerful Words!

Malala's Magic Pencil will inspire us to explore Malala Yousafzai's life and the importance of education. We will become thoughtful writers, creating an engaging tweet to share key facts about Malala's inspiring journey. We will then explore *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, using this imaginative twist on a familiar fairy tale to plan and write our own exciting narratives, with vivid descriptions, interesting characters and carefully chosen vocabulary.

English | Our Reading Adventures

Every week brings a new book extract to enjoy! We will hunt for clues, retrieve important details, make inferences and share our ideas as we grow into thoughtful, confident readers. Take a look at the books we will be exploring below.

Theme						
Remembrance	Celebrating differences	Poetry	History	Environment	Science -light and dark	Christmas
You Wouldn't Want to be in the Trenches in WW2	See What I can do	Walking with my Iguana – Brian Moses	Stone Girl, Bone Girl-Laurence Anholt	Greta and the Giants – Zoe Tucker	Isabel and the Invisible World – Alan Lightman	Extracts: - The Tale of the Animals Christmas in Crouch End
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
						

Science | Rock Detectives!

Get ready to investigate the fascinating world of rocks! We will explore different types of rocks, compare their appearance and properties, and discover how they are used in our everyday lives. We will investigate how fossils are formed and learn how soils are made from rocks and organic matter. Through hands-on investigations and exciting experiments, we will develop our scientific skills by observing, comparing and describing the amazing world beneath our feet

RE | Prophecy and Promise

As we journey towards Advent, we will explore how God's promises were shared through the prophets and how they helped prepare people for the coming of Jesus. We will learn about Elijah and John the Baptist, discover the meaning of the Jesse Tree and explore the Feast of Christ the King. Through stories, reflection and discussion, we will deepen our understanding of hope, faith and the importance of preparing our hearts for Christmas.

Computing | Basic Commands and Algorithms

Can we make a computer follow our instructions? We will explore basic commands and algorithms, learning how to give clear, step-by-step instructions to make things happen. We will create and test simple programs, spot mistakes and debug our code to make it work correctly. Through fun, practical activities, we will develop our problem-solving skills, logical thinking and confidence with computing.

Geography | Discovering the United Kingdom!

Get ready to become geography explorers! We will discover the amazing features of the UK, from towering mountains and winding rivers to beautiful coastlines. We will explore the countries, counties and regions that make up the UK and learn how to locate them on maps. We will also travel back in time to discover how London has grown and changed, and investigate how the UK's population has developed throughout history. Through maps, fascinating facts and exciting investigations, we will build our geographical knowledge and understanding of the world around us!

PE | Ready, Set, Go!

In tag rugby, we will develop our passing, catching, dodging and defending skills, working towards exciting team games and a tournament. In orienteering, we will become map-reading explorers, following routes and solving outdoor challenges. Teamwork and fair play will be at the heart of both activities.

A Few Helpful Reminders

PE Kit — Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. As the weather gets colder, we recommend including plain black leggings or jogging bottoms to keep them warm during PE lessons.

Spellings: New lists come home on Tuesdays for the following week. A little regular practice on Spelling Shed will help children feel ready for their weekly spelling tests.

Reading at home: Sharing a book is a wonderful way to support your child. Please aim to read together at least once a week and sign the reading diary. We aim to change reading books weekly.

Homework: Each week, children should read, practise on Times Tables Rock Stars and practise their spellings on Spelling Shed. Login details are in their diaries. Occasionally, we may send additional practice home.

Thank you for all the encouragement you give at home. We are looking forward to a happy, busy and inspiring half-term with our Year 3