



Perdiswell Primary School

Year 3 - Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 1 2020



Welcome back to another school year! The children all seem to have enjoyed their new start and are already beginning to settle well into their new classes. Here is an outline of our first half term...

Links with Home:

- Please encourage your child to read every day and record this in their Reading Record.
- Homework will be set via **Education City** and **Spellings** will be sent home each half term.
- Please encourage your child to practise their times tables using **Times Table Rock Stars**.

English

This half term, we will be introducing children to a number of stories in their Reading lessons. We will continue to develop their word reading and fluency, while also spending more time on vocabulary and comprehension. In our Talk for Writing lessons, we started by developing our writing skills while learning about 'Aladdin,' by Susanna Davidson. This helped the children to write their own 'wishing tales.' Now, we will use the bonfire poem 'Crackle Spit,' by Mary Thom, to explore poetry and write our own.

Maths

In Maths, we will be following the 'Power Maths' scheme. The children will focus on their Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract approaches to learning. Children's learning will begin with place value, numbers to 1000 and addition and subtraction.

As this is a mastery approach to Maths, there will be more emphasis on developing their reasoning and explaining their answers.

Art

In art we will be beginning our half term by developing basic sketching, shading and observational drawing skills. The children will use these developed skills to work towards drawing their own self-portraits. Following this, we will explore painting techniques. To develop our skills further, we will study artwork by Vincent Van Gogh and produce our own artwork inspired by one of Van Gogh's most famous pieces - 'Starry Night.'

Science

Light is this half term's theme. This includes looking at different sources of light and exploring the concept of darkness. The children will also spend time testing reflective materials and making observations on how light behaves in different situations.

RE/PSHE

This half term in RE we will be focusing on Christianity. The children will be exploring what Christians learn from the creation story. The PSHE topic this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be discussing our rights and responsibilities and any worries we may have.

PE

PE will take place on Thursday afternoon. Please make sure that children come to school in their PE kit for the whole day. This half term we will develop our fitness and basketball skills.