

YEAR THREE

Autumn 2 Half Term Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful, restful break. We are looking forward to getting started on a new term full of exciting opportunities. It was great to catch up with all of you before half term and share the children's progress. Spellings are attached to this newsletter and a paper copy has been sent home with your child. If you need another paper copy, please feel free to ask.

Home Learning

We will continue to prioritise reading and ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. We understand that it is not always possible for pupils to read with an adult every time, so independent reading is also encouraged. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal each time they read.

In addition, children will be using Reading Plus to develop their reading fluency and comprehension. We also encourage children to read books alongside Reading Plus, or whatever works best for them individually, so they can enjoy a range of texts and reading experiences.

The children will continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.

Spelling tests will commence on Friday 14th November. We encourage children to spend a little time each day practising their spellings so they feel confident and proud when they take the test. Little and often works best—reading the words, writing them out, or even testing themselves with a family member can make a big difference. Remember, it's not just about getting every word correct—it's about building confidence **and** enjoying the process of learning new words.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child's book bag comes to school each day. Pupils should ensure that they have their reading book and Reading Journal in their book bag every day. Letters sent home will be placed in book bags, so please do check frequently for these.



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Seesaw

Seesaw will continue to be used as a source of communication. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements or to showcase excellent work, but please note that the message function will not be in use.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Friday. This half term we will be indoors in the hall doing gymnastics. We do still plan to do this when it falls on a mufti day, so please bear this in mind when planning outfits for the day!

Art

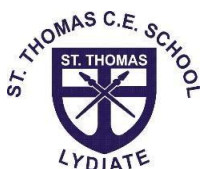
This term, children will explore the exciting world of lines in art. They will learn how artists use different types of lines, created with a variety of materials, to express ideas, feelings, and movement. Through studying the works of Joan Miró and Paul Klee, we will discover how lines can be playful, expressive, and even used to create landscapes. By experimenting with line themselves, children will develop their own artistic voice and gain a deeper understanding of how something as simple as a line can bring artwork to life.

Trip

The residential trip to **Hothersall Lodge** is booked for **Thursday 5th to Friday 6th February**. More information will be sent out soon, as we are currently waiting for confirmation from the coach company.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Moffatt & Mrs Hughes.

Please see overleaf for an overview about what
we will be learning this half term and our spellings.



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Year Three Curriculum Map – Autumn 2

During Autumn 2, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths, we will continue with learning about column subtraction for the first couple of weeks before we move on to securing our 3, 4, and 8 times tables. We will learn how to record various methods to support our understanding of these times tables and the corresponding division facts. We will then apply this knowledge to solve multiplication and division word problems.	English This half term we will be reading and exploring the book 'Fox' written by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. We will be exploring the authors language choices and be inspired by their work in our own writing. The children will be working towards writing their own Fable Narratives and Information reports about foxes.	RE In RE, we will be learning about the Christmas story. We will explore the meaning of 'Emmanuel' and think about how we are always in the presence of God. We will explore the lives of other Christmas and how their actions represent the presence of God. We will also visit a local synagogue to learn about different places of worship.
History In History our new unit is called 'Cradles of Civilisation'. We will focus our learning on ancient Mesopotamia (Sumer) and the Indus Valley. We will look at Mesopotamia's development of writing and trade, then exploring the geographical similarities between ancient civilizations like Egypt and Sumer.	Geography In Geography we will learn about Mountains in the UK. We will explore what makes a mountain different from a hill, how mountains are formed, and the key physical features such as peaks, valleys, and cliffs. They will identify famous UK mountains, including Ben Nevis, Snowdon, and Scafell Pike, and learn how mountains affect the environment, rivers, and human activity, such as farming, tourism, and settlements.	Science We will finish our unit about the human body, learning all about our digestive system. We will then begin our new unit, learning all about cycles in nature including the four seasons. We will explore the life cycle of plants and how seasonal changes impact plants, animal migration and life cycles of animals.
PE In PE, we will continue with our lessons on a Friday. We will be indoors in the hall doing gymnastics. Our focus is on linking movements together, creating a sequence of movements and shapes which are linked seamlessly.	Art This term, children will explore the exciting world of lines in art. They will learn how artists use different types of lines, created with a variety of materials, to express ideas, feelings, and movement. Through studying the works of Joan Miró and Paul Klee.	PHSE In PHSE, we will continue to follow My Happy Mind. This unit is called 'Celebrate', is it all about understanding who you are, what your character strengths are and celebrating ourselves!



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