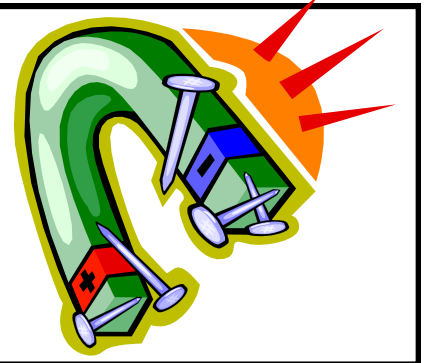
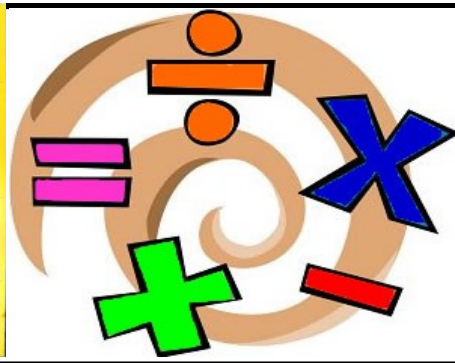
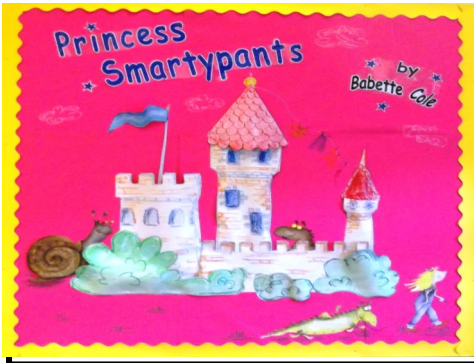
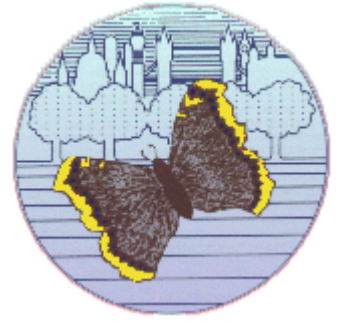


# TERMtalk

CURRICULUM NEWS

FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



## English

The first thing the children will be learning is how to write on the French style paper we use in the Junior School. We have been practicing our joined up handwriting everyday and we are starting to see some lovely results.

Our first topic for the year is based around the book Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole. In Grammar we are learning about nouns and adjectives and how to describe characters.

We will be doing a lot of drama work to help bring the story alive which will help us with our writing.

***Please continue helping to support your child with their reading at home every night and sign***

## Maths

We are beginning the year by working on the children's understanding of place value and using informal written methods to add and subtract. One of our key objectives in mental mathematics is learning our number bonds to 20 and 100. It is also important that children can add 10 to a number.

We are also working hard to learn our 3 and 4 times tables as well as continuing to practice our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. During the first half term, we will also cover a range of other topics including 2D shapes, multiplication, division and fractions.

After half term we will be working on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. As this is such a useful life skill, it would be very helpful if this could be practiced further at home.

## Science

Our topic this half term is Magnets and forces. In order to explore the concepts of forces and movement. The children will begin by predicting then investigating which common materials are magnetic or non-magnetic and making generalisations about them based on their results. They will also be investigating how things move on different surfaces and notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others

After half term the next topic will be 'Rocks'

We will look at the three different types of rock and how each are formed. The children will find out the names of the rocks and their properties. They will test rocks for hardness and find out about the different uses for the different rocks.

# OUR FOUNDATION



## Art and D&T

We will link our Art work to our current topics in English and Topic. There will also be opportunities for the children to develop their painting and sketching skills.

As we approach the end of the term we will be making some lovely Christmas decorations for our classrooms and other Christmas related crafts.



## Geography/ History

In the first part of the half term we will be learning about the **United Kingdom**. We will learn that the UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and we will learn the names of the capital cities of the UK.

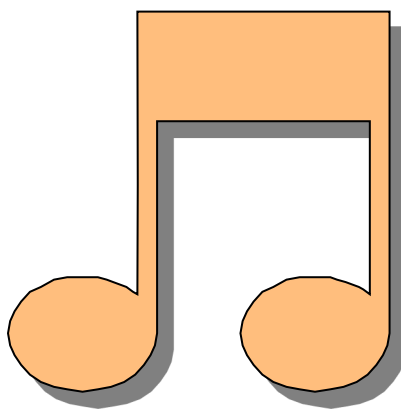
We will be using maps to help us locate key locations within the country. We will look at different settlement types such as villages, towns and cities and make some comparisons between these. We will learn about the counties of England as well as doing some research on Scotland and Wales.

We will also be looking at the British monarchy which links with our English text on Princess Smartypants and the local environment that we live in.

## Computing

This term the children will be developing their word processing skills through using MS publisher. They will be learning about e-safety and understand the rules and dangers when using the internet. We will also cover basic keyboard and typing skills such as **using capital letters, using the shift or caps lock keys, and the correct use of the space bar**. The children will also experiment with selecting **different fonts and changing their size, style and colour**. They will learn how to import pictures to support their written work. We will also be learning how to use the internet for research. We will be using this to support our work in finding out information for our English work as well as in other subjects such as Science, Geography and History.

# SUBJECT NEWS



## RE

Our RE themes for the Autumn term are;

### **The Christian Family**

Students will learn about the Christian family that they belong and the process of baptism.

### **Mary, Mother of God**

Please discuss with the children the importance of Mary within our faith.



## Music

This term, Year 3 will have the opportunity to create, rehearse and perform short descriptive compositions and to extend rhythm and pitch understanding

The children also attend Hymn Practice each week, which helps develop their singing skills.

## Physical

### Education

We will begin our P.E. lessons by ensuring that the children understand the **safety rules** required during P.E. and follow them carefully.

The focus of indoor P.E. lessons this term will be coordination and gymnastic skills.

In outdoor P.E. we will be focussing on football skills this half term. The children will then apply these skills when playing small games in pairs and as part of a team.

### Homework

Homework tasks are given to support your child's learning. It is important that all children are given support with all their homework; this includes learning to spell the words on their weekly spelling list. Please can you ensure you comment and sign the home-

**Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit at all times.**

**P.E. kit should be brought to school every**

**Monday and should not be taken home until Friday.**