

Term 1

KEY DATES

Monday 9th September
3:45pm

Year 3 Welcome
meetings. Meet the
teacher and learn
about classroom
routines.

Wednesday 18th
September 9am and
5pm

Maths with Parents
Launch.

Thursday 18th Sep-
tember or Thursday
26th September
9am and 3.30pm
How to give your
child a major gram-
mar boost at home

Thursday 26th Sep-
tember 9 am
Glasgow Open Class
English

9th October
Year 3 trip to Canter-
bury Cathedral and
Bigbury Iron Age
Fort.

Glasgow Class Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to our first term together in Key Stage Two. It is a very exciting term for the children as they will be studying a range of new subjects and meeting lots of new teachers.

English

In English, the class will be studying *Charlotte's Web*, a novel written by Elwyn Brooks White. *Charlotte's Web* is about a girl named Fern, a pig named Wilbur and a spider called Charlotte. They live on a farm and Fern is horrified when she finds out that Wilbur, as a piglet, is to be slaughtered. She rescues Wilbur. However, he is sent away to her uncle's farm. Here, Wilbur is friendless and snubbed by the other animals except for Charlotte. This is where Wilbur's adventures begin.

Through the text, the children will be covering non-fiction topics, followed by vocabulary exercises to help them understand the novel's extensive vocabulary. In each section, children will complete summary questions, comprehension questions, close reading activities and extended writing tasks.

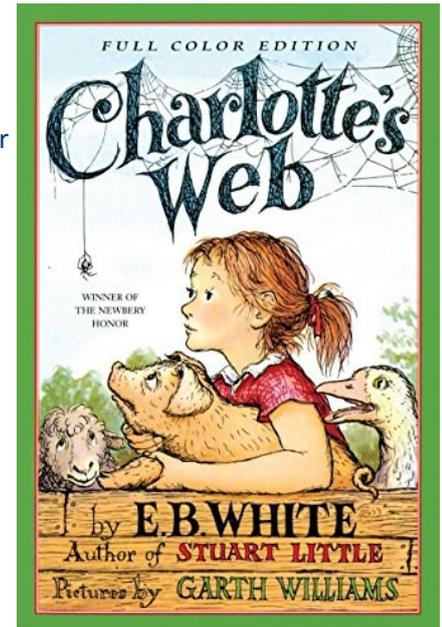
Key vocabulary: runt, litter, injustice, grunt, enchant, relieve, brook, discard, trough, chuckle, captivity, morsel, lonely, cunning, dejected, decent, approximately

Activities at home: Please continue to read as much as possible with your child, and ask them comprehension questions on their reading. Encourage them to read independently too.

Latin

This year, the class are learning Latin for the first time. Latin was the language spoken by the ancient Romans, and it was then spoken throughout medieval Europe for centuries. Almost 60% of words in the English language come from Latin, so understanding Latin really helps with our vocabulary.

Activities at home: Please test your child on Latin vocabulary in preparation for weekly Latin quizzes.



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Fluency in Maths :
how to free your child's working memory by supporting fluency.

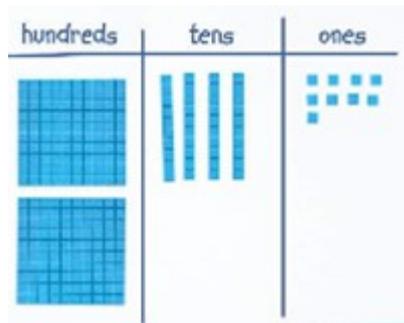
Wednesday 9th October (and thereafter every Weds for 6 weeks) 9am

Parent Gym Taster Session.

Maths

We will start Year Three by revisiting the concept of calculation strategies and place value in two digit numbers. The children will learn to choose the most efficient strategy for a given equation and communicate their reasoning. This will improve and develop their fluency, and their reasoning skills. We will approach this mentally and practically, using resources such as bead strings, dice and dienes.

Key vocabulary: tens, ones, digit, addition, subtraction, equation, efficient strategy, greater than, less than, equal to.



Ancient History

This term, we will be studying the prehistoric world (the period before writing was invented). We will start by looking at the creation of the universe and the development of life on Earth. This will include looking at early humans and ways of life during the Stone Age and Bronze Age.

Key vocabulary: prehistory, universe, Big Bang, evolution, fossils, extinct, farming, Stone Age, Bronze Age.



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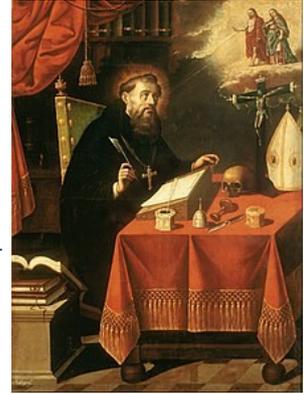
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P.E. Kit

Children must come to school in their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays, with school clothes in their bag, for Monday am P.E.

British History

It will be the first time that Year 3 have studied British History. We feel that it is important that, alongside their chronological study of ancient history, the children leave primary school with a sense of the people and the events that shaped our country as it is today. This term, Year 3 will be beginning with 'Augustine's Mission' and discovering how Christianity was first brought to England by Augustine. In AD595, Pope Gregory sent Augustine (a Christian monk) on a mission to England to convert the Anglo-Saxons from Paganism to Christianity. Anglo-Saxon England was not united into one country as it is today. England, the land of the Angles and the Saxons, was divided up into a number of different kingdoms, each ruled by a different Anglo-Saxon king. One of these Anglo-Saxon kingdoms was the Kingdom of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert. It was in Kent where Augustine first began converting the Anglo-Saxons. The students will discover the origins of the Archbishopric of Canterbury, and subsequently follow Allred the Great as he struggles against the Vikings and lays the foundations for the unification of England.



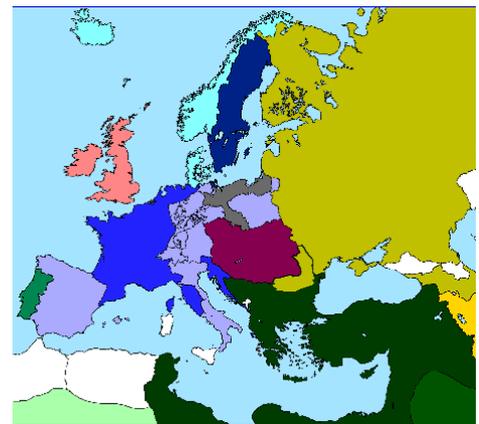
Key words and concepts: Christian, Christianity, Pagan, monk, monastery, Bible, Pope, mission, Anglo-Saxons, Archbishop of Canterbury and Saint.

Activities at home: Please discuss and explore the historical narrative with your child, help them with learning and practising the spelling of key vocab and reading as much as possible on the subject.

Geography

This term, the class will be studying various topics with an introductory focus on Geography as a subject. Throughout the term, the class will be consolidating their understanding supported through a range of map-reading tasks.

Key Words: Earth, planet, atlas, map, border, geography, compass, globe, north, east, south, west, latitude and longitude.



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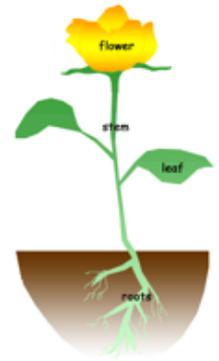
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Science

This term, the class will be studying the biology topic: Life Processes and Plants. Throughout the term, the class will be using a range of explorative techniques aided by scientific experiments to understand how life processes and plants appear in everyday life. The class will be learning to use a range of new scientific vocabulary.

Key vocabulary: microscopic, movement, growth, nutrition, reproduction, sensitivity, excretion, environment, species, oxygen, photosynthesis, carbon dioxide



Art

In Art, children will begin developing their knowledge of the colour wheel. They will be introduced to the Austrian artist and architect, Hundertwasser and will discuss his use of his bold and vibrant colours. They will create their own Hundertwasser inspired landscape using a warm and cool palette.

Key words:

Tertiary, Warm, Cool, Shades, Tints, Complimentary, landscape, Abstract, Bold

Key images:

Hundertwasser, Irinaland over the Balkan, 1969 and Park, 1978

