



# Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

## Autumn Term 2023

### What are we learning in Year 3 this half term?

Welcome to the Autumn Term! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Summer break. It has been great to see the children back in school and we look forward to seeing what this term brings.

Below is a summary of what we will be learning this half term (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October).

Reading	We will be reading Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be being immersed in the story and answering a range of questions about the text.
Writing	Year 3 will be writing settings, character descriptions and their own ending to the Butterfly Lion.
Maths	We will start the term looking at place value and ensuring we have a stable understanding of number. After that we will move on to addition and subtraction.
R.E	In RE we will be learning about Christians and the creation story.
Science	In Science we will be learning about animals and skeletons. We will be especially looking at what animals eat and skeletons inside and outside the body.
Geography	In Geography we will be thinking about Climate Zones and the question: Why is the climate different in different locations on Earth?
PE	PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. We will be learning about fitness and tag rugby. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
Music	During our Music lessons we will writing our own music. We will start by improvising our own music before writing our own.
Computing Online Safety	Our first session for computing will be on online safety and how to keep ourselves safe online. We will then move on to coding. During the sessions the children will learn how to design and make an interactive scene.



Art and Design Technology	During art this term we will be doing our own wildlife drawings. We will be doing our own observational drawings and finishing the unit with our masterpiece.
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Cultural Education)	<p>In Jigsaw, our topic this half term is Being Me in My World where we will cover Being Me in the World.</p> <p>As part of our work on learning about differences and the 9 protected characteristics, we use learning material from an educational source called 'No Outsiders, All Different and All Welcome'. We will also look at the five British Values this term, with a focus on democracy.</p>
Wellbeing	<p>We will be learning how to keep ourselves safe with materials and guidance from NSPCC. During this week we will discuss the importance of children's rights and mutual respect.</p> <p>As a school, we have a subscription to Calm Brain which is a video stimulus used to calm children so that they are in a better state to learn, attend and develop. It achieves this by understanding that for children to develop effectively they need to have healthy brain organisation, and their brain needs to communicate effectively to itself by working as a whole. CalmBrain is therefore a psychological intervention that addresses key neurological features.</p>
Collective Worship	<p>Collective Worship is held daily.</p> <p>Our value for this half term is Trust.</p> <p>Our Safeguarding Crew and Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be supporting with Collective Worship and sharing ideas and ways to keep safe around school.</p> <p>We also learn about equality, nine protected characteristics and the five British Values through stories in Collective Worship.</p>
Other school events:	<p>Black History Month WB 2.10.23</p> <p>Year 2 Harvest Performance TBC</p> <p>Hello Yellow (Mental Health Awareness) 10.10.23</p> <p>Parents Evenings 16.10.23 and 23.10.23</p> <p>Ironbridge Christmas Lights 25.11.23</p>
Attendance	<p>At the beginning of each week, every class receives a weekly attendance target in Collective Worship. Attendance certificates are also awarded to those classes who reached their attendance target from the previous week. These are specific to each class.</p> <p>Ace our Attendance mascot will be visiting on <b>Monday 2.10.23</b> for the week. Look out for him on the school gates each morning.</p> <p>Reminder: Gates open at 8:35am Registration and start of school day: 8:50am End of school day: 3:20pm</p>

Homework	Homework will be collected in every Wednesday and sent out again on Friday. Please see your child's homework book for more details.

I look forward to meeting you all soon, do come and see me at the end of the day if you wish to discuss anything.

Best wishes

Mrs Cox

Year 3 Class Teacher