



Year 3 Parent Guide – Autumn Term

A snapshot of what your child will be learning this term

Our Pathways to Write Texts

Autumn 1



Coming to England by Floella Benjamin *Celebrating black lives*

Children will explore migration, belonging, identity and courage.

Writing outcome:
Recount: write a letter in role recounting events of the story

Children will retell key events and write thoughtfully in role.

★ **Greater Depth:** Include a response

Autumn 2



Winter's Child with Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Children will explore fantasy, atmosphere, seasonal settings and viewpoint.

Writing outcome:
Fiction: write a fantasy story based on a fable

Children will build setting descriptions and develop a magical narrative.

★ **Greater Depth:** Narrative from a different point of view

In English, children will also develop



using prepositions to express time, place and cause



choosing a or an correctly



using conjunctions and adverbs to express time, place and cause



grouping related ideas into paragraphs



using inverted commas for direct speech



creating characters, settings and plot

Autumn Curriculum Overview



Science

- Rocks and fossils
- Light



Geography

- The UK and its features
- Rivers, hills and mountains
- Countries and cities of the North West



History

- How did Britain develop from Stone Age to Iron Age?
- 3000BC–43AD



Art & Design

- Gestural drawing
- Charcoal



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- Structures
- Frame, shell and strengthening



Maths

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division A



RE / Personal Development

- faith
- belonging
- respectful relationships
- safety

How you can help at home



Read regularly and talk about characters, feelings and key events.



Practise times tables and key number facts little and often.



Explore maps of the UK and talk about rivers, hills and mountains.



Notice rocks, light and shadows when out and about.



Talk about life in the Stone Age and compare past and present.

Our school values

Faith • Love • Joy • Committed • Belong

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.





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Page 2: Helping Your Child at Home

Simple weekly ideas, useful links and resources to support learning at home

Our weekly home-learning routine



1
Read together for 10–15 minutes each day



2
Practise spellings, prefixes and handwriting little and often



3
Encourage your child to explain their ideas in full sentences



4
Practise times tables and number facts regularly



5
Talk about the wider world, history and geography around you

Autumn 1 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning:
Coming to England

Try this at home:
Talk about journeys, belonging and what makes your family special.

Week 2



Learning:
Recount and letter writing

Try this at home:
Retell key events from the story and help your child write a short letter or postcard in role.

Week 3



Learning:
The UK and its features

Try this at home:
Find England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on a map and talk about rivers, hills and mountains.

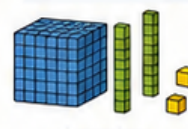
Week 4



Learning:
Rocks and fossils

Try this at home:
Go on a rock hunt and sort stones by texture, colour or size.

Week 5



Learning:
Place value and addition

Try this at home:
Make 3-digit numbers with household objects and compare greater and smaller.

Week 6



Learning:
Gestural drawing and charcoal

Try this at home:
Sketch an object or landscape using quick lines and shading.

Autumn 2 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning:
Winter's Child / Ice Palace

Try this at home:
Discuss the setting and describe a winter scene using rich vocabulary.

Week 2



Learning:
Fantasy story writing

Try this at home:
Create a magical character and orally rehearse a short adventure.

Week 3



Learning:
Light

Try this at home:
Explore shadows with a torch and talk about how light helps us see.

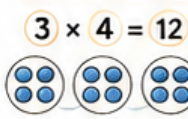
Week 4



Learning:
Stone Age to Iron Age

Try this at home:
Compare life in the past and present and discuss what early homes, tools or food may have been like.

Week 5



Learning:
Multiplication and division

Try this at home:
Count in equal groups and practise times tables little and often.

Week 6



Learning:
Structures

Try this at home:
Build a strong structure from junk materials and talk about how to strengthen it.

Useful websites and resources



Oxford Owl
home.oxfordowl.co.uk
free ebooks, reading and spelling help



Topmarks
topmarks.co.uk
maths games and times tables practice



PhonicsPlay
phonicsplay.co.uk
word and spelling games



TT Rock Stars
ttrockstars.com
multiplication practice



BookTrust
booktrust.org.uk
book recommendations and reading ideas



Teach Your Monster
teachyourmonster.org
reading and spelling games

♥ Please speak to school if you would like more ideas or extra support at home. ♥



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