



Autumn Term 2021

Year 3

Fabulous Finish

*In the second half term we will be looking at
our local geography:*

Basildon

*In the first half term we will be
looking at the Egyptians through
our topic of*

Tomb Raiders

Sparkling starter

English

Class Text

We will be using the texts **The boy who grew dragons and The Iron man** as the stimulus for much of our English work this term.

How can you help?

Talk to your child about what they are reading. What do they like or dislike about it? What are the themes of the story? Which characters do they like best and why?

Encourage them to use examples from the story itself. E.g. *"I like Mina because she questions the constraints of education."*

We will be writing:

- *Detailed Character descriptions of dangerous dragons and mysterious metallic monsters.*
- *Retelling how the texts and creating their own chapters.*
- *Newspaper report recounting key events of the high quality texts.*
- *Poetry using metaphors and similes.*
- *Formal persuasive letters based.*
- *Instruction texts using imperative verbs and adverbs.*

Assessment

The children will sit a half termly assessment in Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This will inform future planning and teaching.

Maths

Overview

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

How can you help?

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables and associated division facts.

E.g $7 \times 2 = 14$, $2 \times 7 = 14$, $14 \div 7 = 2$, $14 \div 2 = 7$

Using Ttrockstars and the useful links provided.

Additionally provide opportunities for your child to apply the skills they are exploring in school by using the column method.

We provide the children with a wide range of activities to consolidate and further their understanding of the objectives taught.

Children are encourage to complete tasks that require them to show their understanding through explanations.

Why not visit these websites at home;

www.myminimaths.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.coolmaths4kids.co.uk

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> (Children will have their own log in)

Assessment

The children will sit a half termly assessment in arithmetic and reasoning skills. This will inform future planning and teaching.

Science

During Autumn 1 children will learn about rocks and their properties. We will be finding out how rocks form. The children will be observing and comparing rocks based on their appearance and properties. Learning will explore Mary Anning, the formation of fossils, along with erosion and weathering.

During Autumn 2 children need to understand that humans cannot make their own food, and that they must get vital nutrients from what they eat. They will also identify that humans and other animals have skeletons (vertebrates). Children will identify that humans and other animals have muscles and be able to name them. They will compare and contrast the diets of different animals. Children will also look at various ways of grouping animals.

How can you help?

Talk about animals, watch wildlife programmes.

Grow plants, have a competition. Who can grow the tallest sunflower?
Build ramps out of anything and see which vehicle travels the shortest/ the furthest
Encourage questions and try to answer them.

History

During Autumn 1 children will learn about the Ancient Egyptians, in particular their lives and buildings. We will bring the topic to life in many ways.



Geography

During Autumn 2 children will study areas of local significance and their geographical significance within Basildon.

They will do this in a variety of ways, such as using maps, case studies and Google Earth.



Music

We teach rhythm through a variety of popular songs which both engage and inspire the children to explore different genres of music. The children are encouraged to explore music through using a variety of instruments.

R.E.

We study a variety of religions to broaden their knowledge and understanding. R.E. supports our work on British Values. We are also fortunate to have a Church close to the school which we visit on special events in the Christian Calendar.

PE

We are lucky to have the expertise of well trained staff and a high quality scheme of work linked to the national curriculum (Get set for P.E)

French

In French we teach the children basic greetings and how to introduce themselves and naming parts of their bodies.