

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the autumn term in Year 3.

English

We will be following the New National Curriculum which includes work on:

Fiction: Stories from other cultures, stories including dialogue

Non-Fiction: Non-chronological reports

Poetry: Poetry from around the world

As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge throughout the curriculum.

Maths

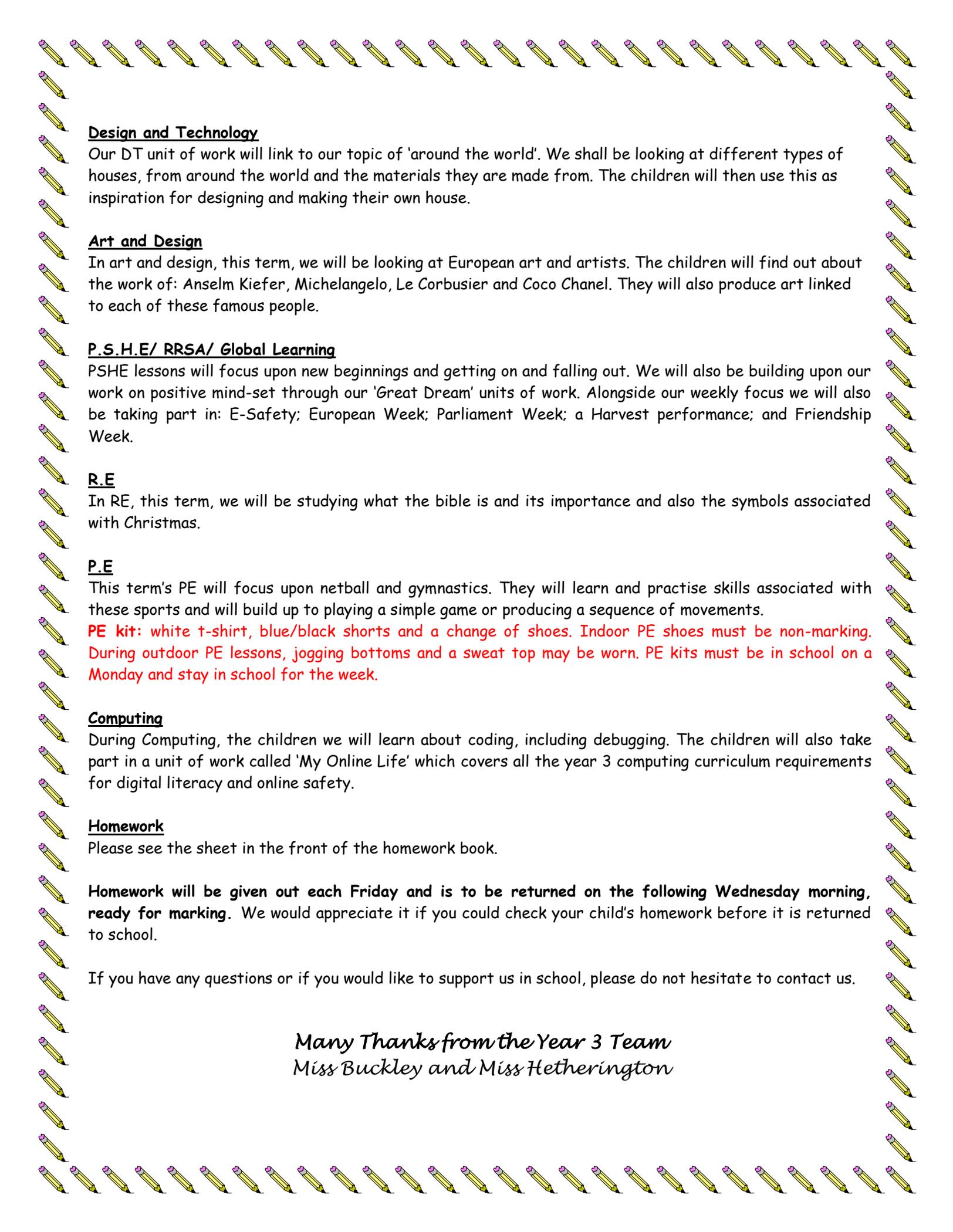
During this term our maths work will cover the units: place value within a thousand; addition and subtraction; and multiplication and division. Alongside this the children will also be working on problem solving and learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

The first half term we will be learning about forces and magnets. They will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will learn 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. They will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. They will describe magnets as having two poles and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. The second half term will be learning about rocks. The children will learn about, comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will find out about how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'All around the world'. We will study the equator and its effect on weather and northern and southern hemisphere and the countries located in each. We will be using lines of longitude and latitude to find places on maps, atlases and globes. We will also look at time differences and will be finding the local time in another city.



Design and Technology

Our DT unit of work will link to our topic of 'around the world'. We shall be looking at different types of houses, from around the world and the materials they are made from. The children will then use this as inspiration for designing and making their own house.

Art and Design

In art and design, this term, we will be looking at European art and artists. The children will find out about the work of: Anselm Kiefer, Michelangelo, Le Corbusier and Coco Chanel. They will also produce art linked to each of these famous people.

P.S.H.E/ RRSA/ Global Learning

PSHE lessons will focus upon new beginnings and getting on and falling out. We will also be building upon our work on positive mind-set through our 'Great Dream' units of work. Alongside our weekly focus we will also be taking part in: E-Safety; European Week; Parliament Week; a Harvest performance; and Friendship Week.

R.E

In RE, this term, we will be studying what the bible is and its importance and also the symbols associated with Christmas.

P.E

This term's PE will focus upon netball and gymnastics. They will learn and practise skills associated with these sports and will build up to playing a simple game or producing a sequence of movements.

PE kit: white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and a change of shoes. Indoor PE shoes must be non-marking. During outdoor PE lessons, jogging bottoms and a sweat top may be worn. PE kits must be in school on a Monday and stay in school for the week.

Computing

During Computing, the children we will learn about coding, including debugging. The children will also take part in a unit of work called 'My Online Life' which covers all the year 3 computing curriculum requirements for digital literacy and online safety.

Homework

Please see the sheet in the front of the homework book.

Homework will be given out each Friday and is to be returned on the following Wednesday morning, ready for marking. We would appreciate it if you could check your child's homework before it is returned to school.

If you have any questions or if you would like to support us in school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Many Thanks from the Year 3 Team
Miss Buckley and Miss Hetherington*