

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2021

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

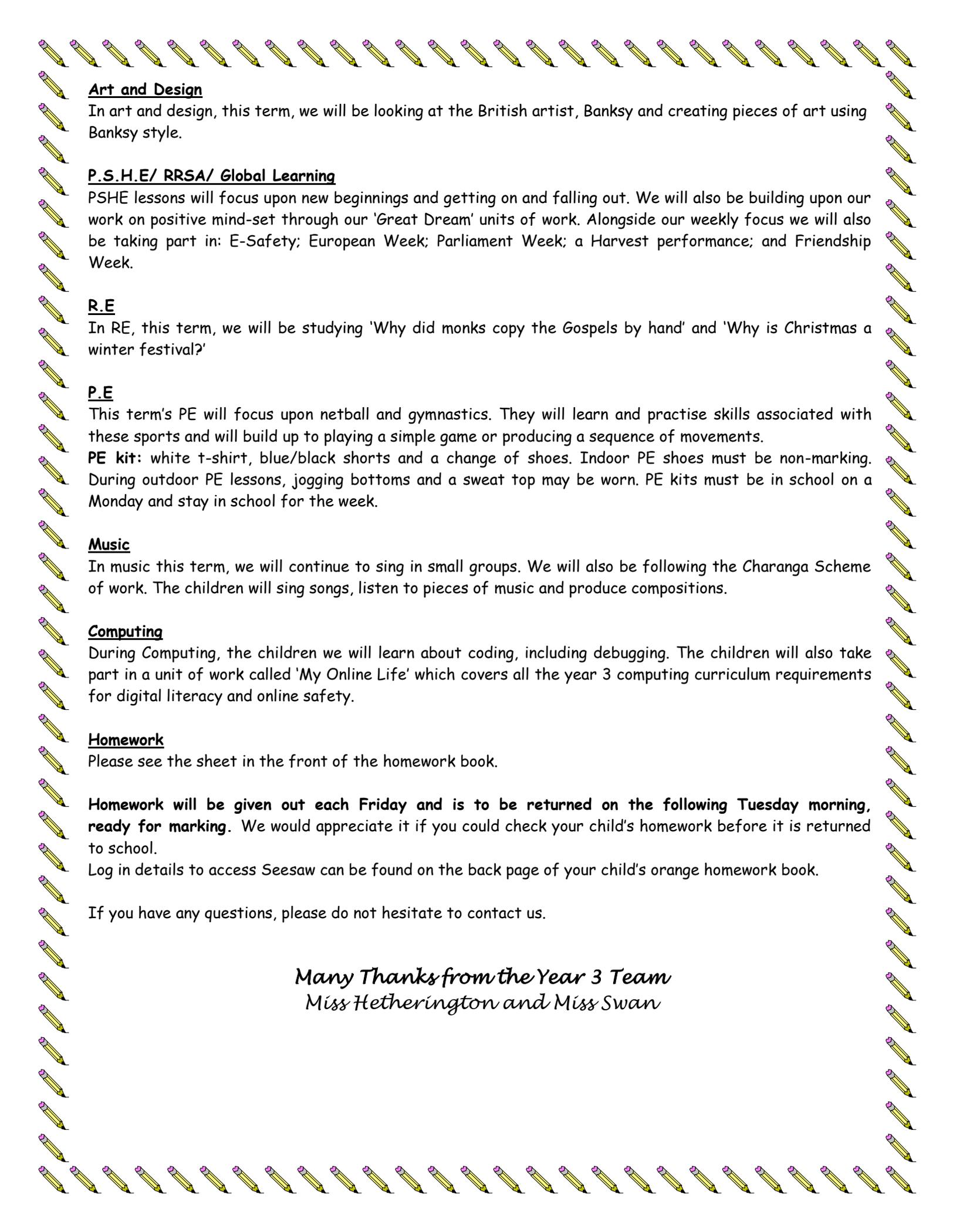
This term we will be learning about forces and magnets. The children will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will learn that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract 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.

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'There's no place like home'. We will study the geography of the UK - from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made administrative regions and counties. We will find out how the UK has changed over time, looking at how London grew and how the population of the UK as a whole has changed throughout the course of history.

### Design and Technology

Our DT unit of work will link to our topic of 'There's no place like home'. We will be looking at different types of bridges and looking at which materials are best to construct bridges. We will be learning about a great British engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who designed and built bridges.



### Art and Design

In art and design, this term, we will be looking at the British artist, Banksy and creating pieces of art using Banksy style.

### 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 'Why did monks copy the Gospels by hand' and 'Why is Christmas a winter festival?'

### 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.

### Music

In music this term, we will continue to sing in small groups. We will also be following the Charanga Scheme of work. The children will sing songs, listen to pieces of music and produce compositions.

### 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 Tuesday morning, ready for marking.** We would appreciate it if you could check your child's homework before it is returned to school.

Log in details to access Seesaw can be found on the back page of your child's orange homework book.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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