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New City Primary School Year group: 3 Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
Year 3 will be looking at the authors: Greg James, Priscilla Mante and Humza Arshad throughout the year. The children will work on narrative work, traditional tales and explore authors such as Anthony Browne and Dick King-Smith. They will explore stories by the same author and compare them. The children will also learn about stories from different cultures such as the story 'The Proudest Blue' by ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K Ali. They will learn about different poetry styles and compose their own shape poems. A grammar focus will be to accurately use verb tenses, create detailed descriptions and suggest improvements to their work.	A primary focus this term will be place value, knowing terms and applying their knowledge. They will be using additive base 10 (used alongside teaching Place Value to 1000). Throughout the term, the children will continue to build on their knowledge and secure strategies in the four key operations (+ - x ÷). Children will be linking their understanding of number to measurement – with practical activities around length, mass, capacity, money, ordering and comparing. The children will start work on fractions identifying whole part relationships and linking it to division.	The Children will be working on the topic of Rocks and fossils with a focus on the Scientist Mary Anning. They will take part in a rock workshop where they will have the opportunity to handle a variety of different rocks. We will be learning how rocks are made over time and then use this information to discover the uses of different rocks. In the second half of the term we will be using our knowledge of rocks to link with Volcanoes and find out how they are formed.
History & Geography	PSHE	PE
For History the first half-term, the children will be finding out about the Stone Age to Iron Age in Britain and investigate the changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age as well as the study of their hunters and gatherers. The children will plot timelines to show the part that the Stone Age and Iron Age played in history. In the second half term, for Geography, we will be learning about some of the key human and physical features of the United Kingdom. We will learn about the River Thames and visit the Thames Flood Barrier.	The children will consider how their role in school may change as they move into KS2 and how they can be role models to others. They will consider how their school community can support the wider local community. They will learn about identity in more nuance, learning that our identities have multiple aspects, some of which change over time. They will listen respectfully to others, consider their perspectives and understand people can hold different views.	In the first half-term, the children will be studying body shapes and striking and fielding skills. This will be taught through gymnastics and Cricket. In gymnastics, the children will explore and experiment with body shapes (e.g. letters). They will create and perform a short sequence of shapes on their own and with a partner. In Cricket, the children will develop batting and fielding skills. In the second half-term the focus will be on Movement and Coordination and Invasion Skills. This will be taught through keep fit and netball.
Mandarin	Religious Education	Computing
This term, the children will be looking at Family and School. They will apply knowledge of basic written structure in Mandarin and construct sentences in Chinese Mandarin. The children will also be able to recognise familiar written Chinese characters and communicate their meaning clearly in writing. They will also be able to present ideas orally to peers as well as broaden vocabulary of Mandarin words and characters.	In RE, the children will be finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi and how and why it is celebrated by Hindus all around the world. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at the significance of light in different religions and comparing world religions whilst thinking critically.	In computing, the children will learn all about how computers are connected. They will be able to identify that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs, and how devices can be connected to make networks. They will then move on to desktop publishing by creating documents by modifying text, images and page layouts for a specific purpose.
Music	Art & DT	Homework
In Music the children will begin to learn the ukulele, focussing on rhythm, chords and dynamics.	In Art & Design during Autumn 1, the children will learn about Stone Age art and create their own cave painting using mixed media. Later in Autumn 2, the children will create a mixed media artwork of the elephant deity Ganesh in the style of Hindu art. They will make learning links with Religious Education and gain an understanding that art can be influenced by people's religious beliefs. During DT in Autumn 1, the children will be making car slingshots and in Autumn 2, they will be redesigning their own landmark	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday -Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Mathletics (online) Thursday- Times Tables (TT Rockstars) Friday- English - Long Write
Educational Visits		
We will be organising trips in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.		

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