

What's happening in Year Three?

For our first term of Year 3, we will be exploring the question 'What can we learn about something that happened in the past?' through the theme of Rocks and Fossils. As we embark on a journey to the past, we will be acting as palaeontologists and geologists to introduce our new topic.

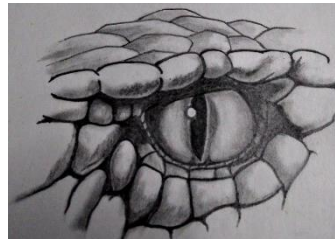


During English lessons we will be looking at how to describe a setting linked to the prehistoric era and creatures. Our class texts are 'The Dinosaur's Diary' by Julia Donaldson and 'Little kids first big books of dinosaurs'. This will lead into the children producing their own piece of descriptive writing and a fact file about a dinosaur.

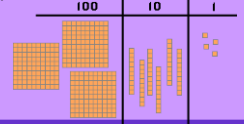


What can we learn about something that happened in the past?

Remember, talk is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.



In Maths, we will be developing our place value knowledge and teaching the children formal methods of calculation. There will be a big emphasis on mental methods of calculation, as well as explaining their thinking during maths lessons. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, and 10x tables so please practise these regularly at home - TT Rockstars is great for this. You can also support your child by asking them quick fire calculation questions so they get used to calculating quickly in all contexts.



We ask that you support your child by **continuing to hear them read each day at home**. You can **ask them questions about what they have read to ensure they have understood** OR they can complete an **Accelerated Reader quiz**. We ask that an adult is signing and dating their **reading log** each week. **Thank you!**



As part of our theme work, in science, the children will be investigating different types of rocks and how they develop over time. This includes how fossils are formed. In Geography we will also be exploring where fossils can be found in and learning about famous dinosaur fossils found in

As part of our Art we will look at how to improve our drawing skills linked to dinosaur eyes and fossils.

We will also be creating our own versions of fossils using a range of materials.

Just a quick note to say thank you for all of your continued support, the year 3 team are all really looking forward to working with your children.

The children will continue to have PE every week so please provide them with the correct school PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) which they are able to change into quickly, including suitable footwear with fastenings they can manage independently. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly.

Homework

Homework each week will include reading daily, TT Rockstars and spellings.

Encouraging your child to **complete their homework** each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class.

Important Days

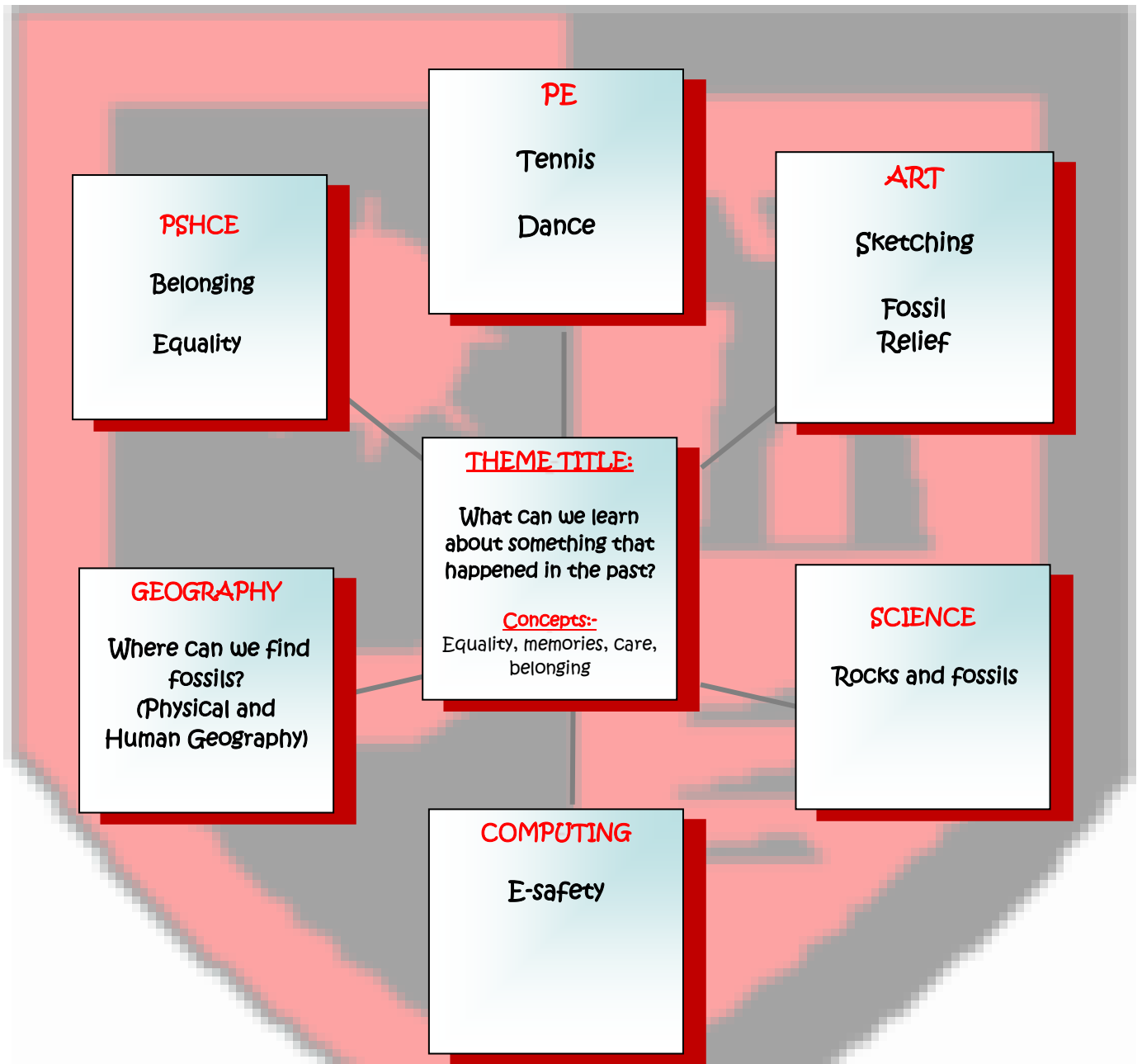
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Autumn 1

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