

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.



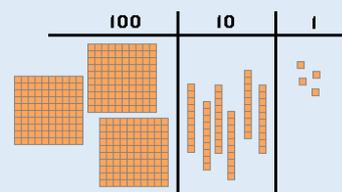
During English lessons we will be looking at how to describe a setting linked to the prehistoric era and creatures. Our class texts are 'The Dinosaur's diary' by Julia Donaldson and 'Little kids first big books of dinosaurs'. This will lead into the children producing their own fact file about a dinosaur. We will then be researching the fossil hunter Mary Anning, to write about her life and discoveries.



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.



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. We will also be exploring where fossils can be found in Geography and learning about famous dinosaur fossils found in recent times.

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.

We ask that you support your child by **continuing to hear them read each day at home**. Once their book is finished **they should complete an Accelerated Reader quiz**. We look forward to seeing who will achieve their reading target! **Thank you!**



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 and Forest School 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. For Forest School we recommend wellies and coats for outdoor activities!

Important Days

**P.E:
Tuesday**

Homework

The school will continue with our Teams homework each week on a Thursday which will include spellings. Please ensure that this is brought back to school or submitted online by Tuesday morning at the latest to allow time for it to be marked and shared within lessons.

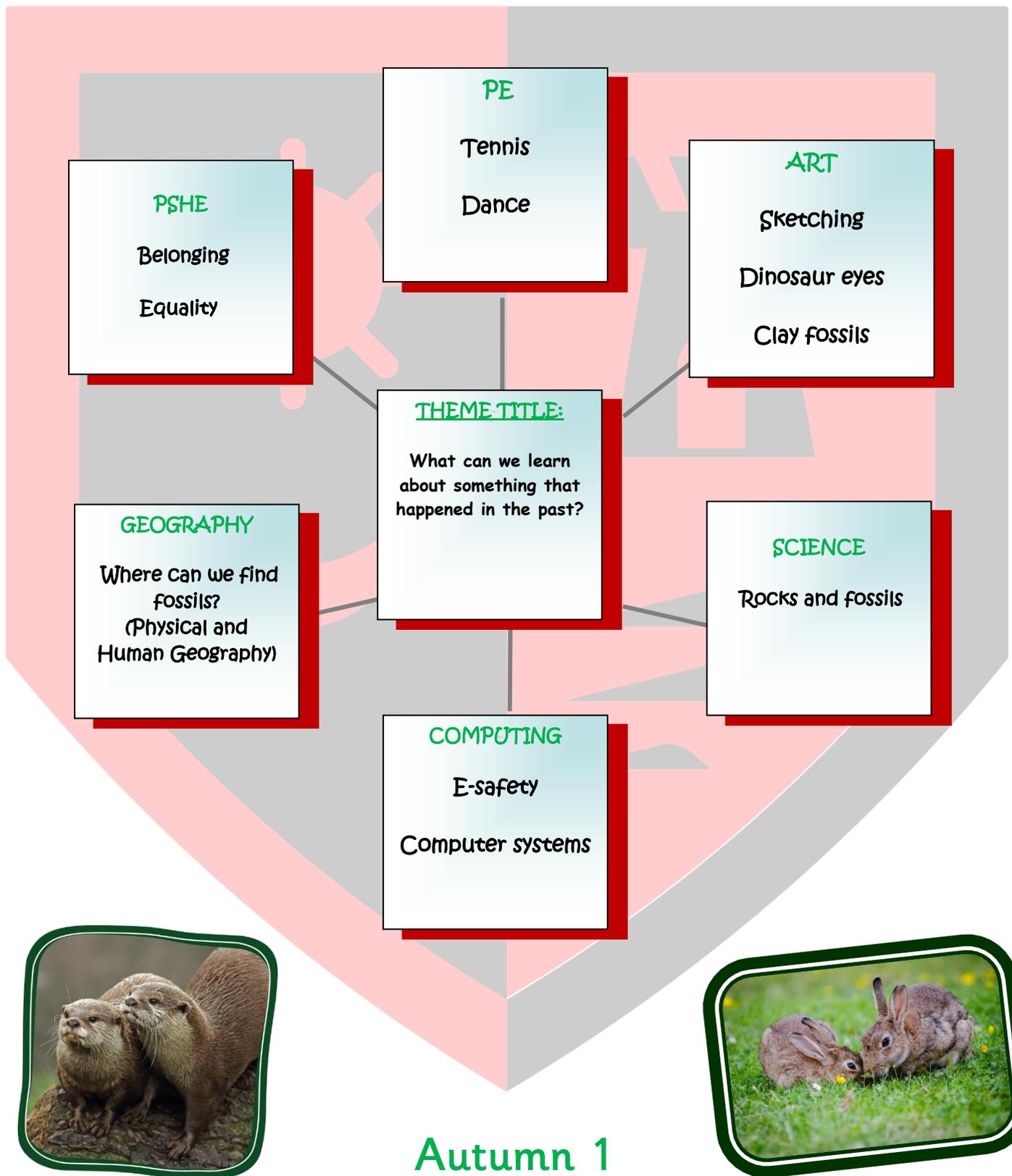
Encouraging your child to **complete their homework** each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class.

THANK YOU!



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Otters and Rabbits - Year 3