# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2

## English




Our whole class reading text this half term will be:
The Christmasaurus - Tom Fletcher

We will also be writing stories inspired by the John Lewis advert 'Unexpected Guest'.

## Science: How can a mouse's shadow be longer than a cat's?

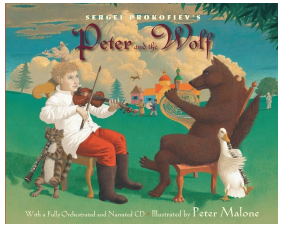
In this unit of work we will explore the difference between light and dark, identify light sources and how shadows are made. We will investigate what happens to a shadow during the day.

## Maths:

- Number: Multiplication and Division
  Including times tables for : 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, 4s and 8s

## Music: How can music tell a story?

We will be exploring how music can tell stories using 'Peter and the Wolf'. We will be learning more about pulse, pitch, rhythm and dynamics.




## PSHE: Why should we keep active, eat healthily and sleep well?

We will be learning about how to make informed decisions about our physical and mental health by understanding the elements of a balanced, healthy lifestyle. We will also be recognising the habits which can have positive and negative effects on a healthy lifestyle as well as looking at the opportunities to be physically active. We will be learning about how sleep and routines contribute to a healthy lifestyle and the effects lack of sleep can have on our body.

## R. E: Why are festivals important to religious communities?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life as shown through festival and celebration. We have chosen to focus on Christmas in Christianity and Diwali in Hinduism.

## French



- Short exchanges and greetings.
- Introductions

## DT: How can I make a Christmas Card with a lever and a linkage?

In this unit we will learn how to make a lever and a linkage. We will then design a Christmas card with these technical aspects and create them. We will need lots of perseverance and patience for this!

## Computing

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## Home Learning

Reading: Children should be bringing home their reading book regularly. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home in order to be able to take their Accelerated Reader quizzes and earn points on their Accelerated Reader Class Board.
Maths: Children need to keep continuing with practising their times tables. They can practise their times tables and number work on TT Rockstars, Numbots and Hit the Button. The focus for Year 3 is the 3s, 4s and 8s.
Spelling: **EdShed** - your child can login and play games to reinforce the spellings we are learning in class, as well as work in the 'Mastery Zone' to practise their own personalised spellings.