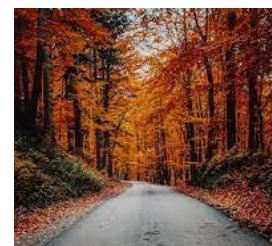




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Meet the team

Miss Vickers, Mrs Smith, Miss Ward

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. This newsletter aims to answer any questions you may have and give you some information about what your child will be learning this term.

I am Miss Ward and I am pleased to be teaching your children in Year 3 this academic year! It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic and excited the children have been to come back to school at the start of September. They have transitioned really well from Year 2 and are adapting to new routines brilliantly.

Whilst I am on PPA, Mrs Huggins and Miss Monk will be teaching PE and RE. This is currently on Thursday afternoons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk or leave a message with the office on 01384 389900 if you have any questions.

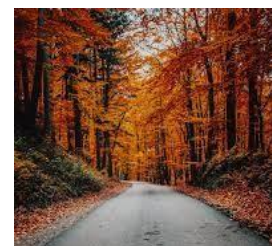
Curriculum

During the Autumn term, we are focusing on settling the children back in to school and the new daily routines.

English	In English lessons, we will be revising previous taught skills, such as handwriting, spelling and grammar. This term, the children will be focusing on applying these skills and Year 5 writing expectations, to narrative and persuasive texts. Each day, the children will take part in reading lessons and end the day with our class novel. Our reading lessons will focus on understanding the language and context of the text read to deepen and widen the children's visual knowledge. In addition to this, children will be completing daily spelling lessons, which will focus on a phoneme each week and how these can be represented by different graphemes.
Maths	In Maths, children will be working on their understanding of place value counting forwards and backwards in various steps. They will be using the four operations of number to solve calculations. In addition to learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables the children will be learning their 3 and 4 times tables. A fantastic resource to use at home is 'Hit the Button'.
Science	In Science, children will be studying Biology with a focus on the human body. In this unit, children will study bones, muscles and nutrition. The scientist children will learn about is Marie Maynard Daly who was instrumental in the understanding of how cholesterol affects the heart. In addition to this, the children will be studying cycles in nature. This includes the four seasons, animal migration and life cycles of a frog.



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Art	In art, the children will learn about the importance of using sketch books focusing on line and line weight to show shade and tone. The children will use this to help create an image that can be printed using the medium of polystyrene tile. The artists that the children will learn about are Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt. Van Gogh, Picasso and Henry Moore.
DT	During DT, the children will be exploring designs that offer shell structures to their contents.
Computing	Computing will challenge the children's coding skills. They will learn to understand how to use timers in code, and create simple algorithms for their sprites to move.
Geography	Geography will enable the children to follow a map, use a compass (understanding the 8 points) and use grid reference to locate specific places. The children will look at the difference between human and physical geography.
History	The Stone Age will begin their journey into understanding the ancient world and how it fits in with pre-history. They will further their understanding of chronology by exploring Ancient Egypt.
PE	Gymnastics will teach Year 3 the basic shapes and how these can be used in jumps, balances and rolls. Children will work on routines that help them to transition smoothly from one action to another. Outdoor PE will focus on team games and the skills needed in football.
PSHE	Our driving question for PSHE will be in relation to 'How can we be a good friend and what keeps us safe'.
RE	Our learning stem for RE is 'Belonging' and the focus is Diwali.

Important Notes

*Please label all items of clothing, shoes and personal belongings that your child wears or brings to school. This will help us get it back to you if it is lost.

*Your child will need to bring a labelled water bottle in with them each day. They are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break time.



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*PE will be on Monday and Thursday, please ensure that your child's kit is labelled and in a named bag. We would be grateful if earrings could be taken out and hair tied back. Children will get dressed for PE at school.

*Reading books will need to be brought with them every day. Children are encouraged to read as much as possible as this helps to not only develop their reading but also writing skills and widens their knowledge.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Vickers, Miss Ward & Miss Vickers

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