



Welcome to Year 3

Summer Curriculum Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome back Year 3!

We are very much looking forward to getting stuck into the exciting learning opportunities we have got planned for this half term.

In Year Three we are having a drive on presentation and handwriting. We will also be thinking of ways we can improve our own learning.

We will also be spending time learning and applying our timetable knowledge in our daily Fast Maths sessions. We will be working hard to improve our recall and beat our personal best times.

Class Dojo

Year 3 continuing to use the Class Dojo reward system. Children may be moved to Amber or Red Zone if they cannot make the correct choice after a warning. This is monitored by the class teacher and Assistant Headteacher responsible for the Key Stage.

Reading

We would really appreciate your continued support in reading with your child little and often. Children have their reading diaries checked regularly. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school everyday as they may be asked to read to an adult on any day of the week.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and collected in on the following Tuesday. Spellings will also be sent out weekly, for children to practise at home. Spelling tests take place on Fridays. Most children in year 3 will require some degree of adult support in completing homework activities, however it is now important to encourage children to be more independent in their learning.

A reminder that all homework should be completed in pencil.

P.E

Year 3 PE continues to take place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Children will be working with Coach Justine during one session. They will be focussing on a range of ball skills and Team games in preparation for Sports Day, later in the Summer Term.

All children require a full PE kit to be in school, including appropriate footwear. Please ensure all items of kit are clearly

Concerns

If you have any concerns, or need to speak to us, the best time would be at the end of the day. You can leave a message with the office or with a member of the Senior Leadership Team who are on door duty in the morning.

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English:

Writing: In daily writing sessions, children will continue to build on their existing literacy skills. They will be exploring a range of Non-Chronological texts in order to produce their own report on Ancient Egypt. Children will also continue to explore a range of texts. They will write in the role of different characters, producing stories, diaries and reports. Children will be encouraged to build on their knowledge of simple sentences by adding a range of conjunctions and making more adventurous word choices. Children will continue to have daily SPAG lessons.

Reading: Research shows that Children who read widely tend to be more successful learners. Children will continue to develop their reading skills during Guided Reading group sessions. We will be focussing on comprehension skills and learning how to use the texts we read to answer questions about what we read. Children will also take part in independent choice reading, where children will be encouraged to discuss the books they choose and reasons for their choices.

Maths: Children will continue to cover a range of Mathematical skills over the Summer term. They will focus on consolidating their knowledge of the four basic operations. Children will focus on applying their knowledge of number skills to solve problems in a variety of contexts. We will also be developing out shape and geometric knowledge and recapping on our understanding of fraction. Children will also be working hard to improve their times table recall skills. Children will be undertaking daily 'fast maths sessions' in order to do this. Children will be working hard to beat their own personal best score. Practising their times tables at home will help them do this!

Science: Our topics for this term will be Light and Shadows as well as Forces and Magnets. The children will be planning their own investigations.

ICT: Children will be given the opportunity to use ICT sessions to develop their research skills. They will also be working on word processing skills to produce their own reports.

RE and PSHE: During these sessions children will continue to use a range of Peacemaker activities and circle times games and strategies to explore feelings and issues that are relevant to themselves, their school

Music: Children continue to have weekly singing practice sessions following the Charanga scheme. During these sessions the children are learning to sing a wide range of songs, in a variety of styles. They focus on pitch, tempo and rhythm. These sessions will be followed up in class sessions.

In addition to these whole school sessions, children continue to sing as a whole class on a Friday afternoon.

Topic, including Geography and History:

During our Topic sessions this term children will be learning all about Ancient Egypt. Children will be developing their Map skills, identifying features of the Ancient Egyptian Landscape. They will also be learning about and using hieroglyphics. They will be learning all about the famous figures in Egyptian history, writing reports using their own research.

PE: During weekly sessions, children will be focussing on a range of ball skills and Team games, discussing tactics and ways of working together.

French: Children will continue to be introduced to basic French greetings and simple French spoken phrases.