



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1st Half Term



Welcome to the final term in Year 3. I hope you have had a great Easter break! This half term, we are looking forward to learning about the following exciting topics:

MATHS

Capacity is being taught this term so any work on measuring in ml and litres is much appreciated.

Fractions are covered again building on previous work. We will be adding and subtracting fractions and also starting to find fractions of amounts. This is where the children's times tables knowledge really comes in helpful.

Money is another really useful topic. We focus on the £ and p notation. Take the children to the shops but leave the contactless at home!

Time – a personal favourite of mine. Every child that I have taught finds this difficult so any help at home is appreciated – even if it is asking what times is it every 5 minutes!

ENGLISH

Narrative: We will be reading at classic STORM WHALE by Benji Davies. This is a tale about friendship and we will be creating lots of descriptive writing from it.

Non-chronological report: We will be recapping the features of NCRs and the children will be telling us all about a new species of Whale that they have discovered.

SCIENCE

Animals including humans (nutrition): This topic includes learning about humans and their diet. (e.g. types of food, amounts of food, fats and proteins, meal plans, where food comes from)

COMPUTING

Desktop publishing: We will be creating documents and modifying text, images and page layouts for a specific purpose. We use Canva and PowerPoint so the children can all practise at home (they'll save you a fortune of party invitations!).

HISTORY

Ancient Egyptians is an age old favourite. We study one our civilisations in greater depth covering life in AE times, Pharaohs, burial rituals, God and Goddesses and loads more fascinating things. This culminates in a trip to the AE exhibit in Liverpool.

GEOGRAPHY

Rivers: We explore how rivers begin and where they flow as part of the water cycle, linking their learning to a visit to a local stream. We create simple sketch maps and plans to show the river and use basic symbols and simple graphs.

MUSIC

Jazz
The children will compose and perform jazz motifs with swung quavers and accurately play swung rhythms on tuned percussion instruments.

DT

Textiles
We will be learning and applying two new sewing techniques – cross-stitch and appliqué. We will then use these skills to make something amazing!

PE

Dance

The pupils will be taught to perform dances using a range of movement patterns as well as comparing their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement and understanding the importance of evaluation (self and peer)

Tennis

This unit of work develops the children's ability to strike a ball using a racket focusing on both the forehand and backhand strokes. We will then attempt to play some tennis games (just in time for Wimbledon!)

R.E

How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

In this unit pupils will build on their knowledge about Jewish worldviews and way of life. They will recap work on Shabbat and deepen it by considering how different Jews today mark it. They will understand that Jews are diverse – beginning to use the language of Orthodox and Progressive. They will explore Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Pesach to build up their understanding of festivals and ideas of forgiveness, remembering, and freedom.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

READING As part of their homework, the children will need to read 3 times per week with yourselves. In addition, they will need to complete either 30 minutes of Lexia or 30 minutes of Reading Plus. Please continue to sign their diary to show they have completed this and maybe tell me some books you have enjoyed together (and send it every Friday).

TIMES TABLES and MATHS HOMEWORK. Some children do not know their times tables by heart yet. By the end of Year 3, your child is expected to have learnt 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. School have subscribed to TT Rockstars App to help but simple counting games can be just as effective. Maths homework consists of 30 minutes of Magma Maths. I set multiple questions for this to cover all abilities in the class. If the children are taking longer than 30 minutes, please do not feel the need to complete the whole thing.

BOOK CHANGE will take place whenever your child finishes their book. As they are getting older, it is their responsibility to change their book. Just ask them to come and see either myself or Mrs Birchall first thing in the morning and we will sign their books in and out. I will be giving them a book suitable for their level and also allowing them to take a book from our library. They may need help to enjoy this book so do not expect them to read it independently.

PE is still on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children must come to school in their PE kit on those days. They are able to wear it for the full day. If it is cold and or wet, please dress them sensibly for the conditions.

DOJO I am available to be contacted on DOJO from 8am till 5pm, Monday - Friday. This is also a platform where I will share important information, reminders and most importantly, pictures of the children having fun in school. Please check is regularly to keep up to date in the classroom.

Many thanks.

Mr Chesworth