

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 3! The children are settling into the new routines very well. Here is a summary of the topics we will be learning about this term.

If you have any questions please do let me know.

Mr Walker



SCIENCE

Our first topic is 'Light'. We will learn about sources of light and why it is so important. We will investigate reflective surfaces and shadows. After half term, the topic is 'Forces & Magnets' including friction, magnetic materials and magnetic poles.



SPANISH

Year 3 will develop their vocabulary to greet people and use colours and numbers.



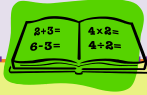
ENGLISH

Our learning will focus on: free verse poetry, adventure stories, fables and information reports. The children will read, speak and write using a range of exciting texts to engage them in their learning.



MATHS

We are learning how to understand the place value of digits in 3-digit numbers, compare and order numbers beyond 4-digits and explore written addition. The children will also learn about measurements and continue to learn times tables. In Year 3 the focus is on x2, x3, x4, x5, x10.



HOMEWORK

It is **very important** that children read regularly, preferably with an adult. Adults are encouraged to ask questions (such as **who? what? where? why?**) about the plot and the characters to really get the children thinking and to check their understanding of the text. A comment should be written in their **reading record**. The expectation is that children will have read at least **four times each week**.

New spellings will be uploaded to google classroom on Fridays. There will be a spelling test on **Friday mornings**. Spellings should be practised for **5-10 minutes** each night.

-There will also be a times tables test on **Tuesday mornings**.



MUSIC

Year 3 continues to build up children's musical knowledge and skills. We will be learning new songs and accompanying them on the glockenspiel.



ART AND DT

In Art we will focus on pencil drawing skills, learning to draw a human body in proportion. DT will focus on the structure of containers and how to make them stronger.



HISTORY

The topic of Ancient Egypt includes learning about the River Nile, Pharaoh Tutankhamen, everyday life and what the Ancient Egyptians believed.

R.E

The focus is on Christianity and Islam. What do the religions have in common and what is different?

COMPUTING

We will be learning to code. Making objects move, disappear and fly!

GEOGRAPHY

Our geography topic is learning about the Thames River Basin. This includes following the River Thames as it travels from its source to the Thames Estuary.

PE

P.E days - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays. Sports include gymnastics, hockey and basketball.

Earrings should be removed or covered for swimming and **teachers are not allowed** to take these out or put them back in. During **all P.E** hair should also be tied back as part of our health and safety policy. Children must also make sure they have the correct footwear for indoor and outdoor P.E.