



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the spring term in Year 3.

Mathematics

During this term our maths work will cover the units: multiplication and division, money, statistics, length and fractions. Alongside this the children will also be working on problem solving and learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

English

This term in our English lessons we will be covering the following units:

Fiction: Creating settings, characters and plot.

Non-Fiction: Chronological reports and diary entries.

Poetry: Poetry on a theme.

As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge throughout the curriculum.

Science

The Year 3 Science topics this term are: 'Rocks' and 'Animals including humans'. During our Rocks unit, children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, describe in simple terms how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. During the 'Animals including humans' topic the children will learn about the right types and amount of nutrition that animals, including humans, need. They will learn that we cannot make our own food so we get our nutrition from the foods we eat. The children will find out about and identify how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Cross-curricular Work

Our topic this term is 'Digging up the past' (Stone Age to Iron Age). During the topic the children will learn about how the Stone Age to Iron Age period impacted on life in Britain. They will learn about how early man survived in a harsh environment, why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age and how copper mining was crucial to the Bronze Age.

Design and Technology

We will be making and evaluating a traditional Stone Age pouch.

Art and Design

The children will be exploring Stone Age cave art, experimenting with natural resources and creating their own cave paintings.

Personal, Social, Health Education

PSHE lessons will be intertwined through other subjects and theme weeks/ days. We will be focusing upon what constitutes a healthy diet and ways in which to keep our mind and body healthy. We will also continue our work on positive mind-set through our 'Great Dream' units of work. Alongside these, we will be taking part in; Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week and Fairtrade fortnight.

Religious Education

In RE, this half term, we will be learning 'What is a Mosque for?' In the second half of the term, we will be looking at 'Why is Easter a Spring festival?'

Physical education

We will be starting the term with dance. Then after half-term we will be completing a unit on rounders. **PE kit: white t-shirt, blue/black shorts, black/ blue jogging bottoms and a change of shoes. Indoor PE shoes must be non-marking.** PE usually takes place on a Monday. **PE kits should be in school on a Monday** and kept in school throughout the week in case any last minute changes are made or extra PE sessions take place.

Computing

During Computing, children will be introduced to visual coding with the Scratch Junior App. Children simply snap together graphical programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance and sing. The children will learn the important skills of critical thinking, problem solving and debugging. The children will also become online detectives, where they will use the internet to locate information.

Music

Our music will be taught through units from the Charanga scheme. This term we will focus upon the units 'Glockenspiel' and 'Three little birds'.

Homework

Please see the sheet in the front of the homework book.

Homework will be given out each Friday and is to be returned on the following Wednesday morning, ready for marking. We would appreciate it if you could check your child's homework before it is returned to school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks from the Year 3 Team
Miss Hetherington and Miss Swan