

Dear year 3 parents and carers,

Welcome to year 3!

We have had a lovely time settling in with the children and we have been really impressed with them; they have shown such a positive attitude to their learning and all seem so happy to be back at school. We have outlined our curriculum plan for the first half of the autumn term below:

Reading

Within our *Destination Reader* lessons this term, we will be learning to use different reading strategies. These include clarifying, inferring, making connections, evaluating, summarising and asking questions about a variety of texts. This half term we will start by reading: *Tiny: Invisible World of Microbes* and *Stone Age Bone Age*. The children in year 3 also follow our *Accelerated Reader* programme. They will take quizzes on the books that they have read at school.

Writing

This half term we are learning how to write a warning tale, based on the model text *Nail Soup*. The children will be focusing on the structural and language features of a warning tale. They will be developing their ability to describe characters and will be learning how to write and punctuate direct speech within a story.

Maths

During this half term we are exploring place value and number sense with numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to a unit on addition and subtraction, during which the children will develop their understanding and use of the column method. We will be practising our 2, 3, 5, 8- and 10-times tables throughout.

History

For the autumn term we will be exploring the *Stone Age to the Iron Age*. The children will learn about humans who lived during these times, their way of life and then also compare this period of history with Ancient Egypt.

Religious Education

In year 3 we learn about Christianity and Sikhism. This half term the children will be learning all about Sikhism and the Khalsa, as well as exploring the significance of the 5Ks.

Physical Education

Our PE this half term is a Games unit. The children will be focusing on *Invasion Games* and developing the skills of passing, receiving and travelling with the ball. Additionally, the curriculum will incorporate elements related to general fitness activities to promote overall physical well-being. Hockney class will have swimming lessons on Thursdays this half term. Cameron will have swimming lessons on Thursdays after the October half term.

PSHE

In PSHE we are looking at *Rights, Rules and Responsibilities* within our school and the wider community.

Science

We are learning to identify and describe the functions of different parts of *plants*, such as the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. Children will then have the opportunity to investigate the way in which water is transported in plants.

Art

The children will be finding out about our year group artists (David Hockney and Julia Margaret Cameron) and using their work as inspiration for their own art.

Music

In music sessions with Jeannie, the children will be introduced to samba music.

Computing

Our focus for computing this half term is programming an animation. The children will create an algorithm for an animated scene in the form of a storyboard and write a program in *Scratch* to create the animation.

Spanish

In Key Stage 2 the children learn Spanish. We will be following the *Jolie Ronde Spanish* programme of study. This half term the children will learn the numbers 0-10; greetings and some basic classroom instructions.

Library

Each class will have *fortnightly* library sessions. This is an opportunity for the children to spend some time browsing the books and swapping their "free choice" reading book. Hockney's library session is every other Monday, whilst Cameron class goes every other Friday. These sessions will start next week.

Homework

Homework letters will be sent home each week on a Friday. This term we are focusing on spelling and multiplication and division facts. Spelling challenge takes place on a Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Introduction to year 3 meeting

An introductory meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 3.45pm. This will take place in 3 Hockney. During this meeting we will give you an overview of the routines and curriculum that we will be exploring in year 3.

We look forward to working closely with you and your children this year to ensure that every child has a happy, fun and successful time in year 3!

Kind Regards,

Jenny Vincent and Mr Ershan