

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very exciting time ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Spring Term.

Class	Year 3 – Meerkats and Lemurs	
Class Teacher	Mrs Lacey and Miss Downing	
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss Barr (Wednesday and Thursday pm - Lemur) Mrs McNamara (Thursday pm -- Meerkat)	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Turner – Lemur Mrs Diamond – Lemur/Meerkats Mrs Matthews - Meerkats	
Home learning	A piece of home learning will be set and sent home on a Thursday, to be returned to school by the following Tuesday. This will include a list of spellings for a test on Tuesdays. Mathletics activities will be assigned by Friday via the school's home learning sites. These must be completed by the following Thursday. A times tables test will happen on a Friday. Children can use 'Times Tables Rockstars' to practise and test themselves online.	
PE kits	Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure named PE kit is in school on these days. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.	
Planned trips this term:	A visit from a mountaineering expert and a 'Wow' event for after half-term are being planned.	
Theme work	Spring 1	Spring 2
	<i>Monstrous Mountains</i>	<i>Bottoms, bellies and burps</i>

Meerkats' Class-led worship will be held on: 1st April at 2:30pm.

Lemurs' Class-led worship will be held on: 20th May at 2:30pm

We have outlined below an overview of our learning this term which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these topics, please come and talk to us.

Literacy

In Literacy this half term, we will use our knowledge of traditional tales to create alternative versions of fairy tales. The children will learn how to write an explanation about being a mountain climber and will recap the features of report writing when we learn about different mountains. After the half term break, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing related to our theme of 'Bodies, Bile and Burps'! In addition, we will learn about haiku, tanka and kenning poems which we will read, create and perform to the class.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on measuring mass (kg/g) and understanding fractions of amounts as well as comparing fractions. We will work further on telling the time with greater accuracy and using roman numerals. We will continue to build on our skills of the four calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and will use our knowledge to solve problems in a real life context.

RE

As a school, we will be learning through our collective worship sessions using the 'i-Share' Learning Themes of 'No Fear'. In R.E, we will be finding out about 'Sikhism-what do Sikhs believe'. In Spring 2, we will move on to focus on 'Do fame and the Christian Faith go together?'

PE

In our PE sessions, we will continue to focus on skills that can be applied to many physical games. We will learn a range of new games that require children to think more deeply about how they work as a team and how they communicate with others. One of our main focusses will be on co-ordination. We will also be incorporating some sequence lessons using a range of apparatus.

ICT/ Computing

We will build on our research skills during theme lessons by using the internet in a helpful and safe way. Additionally, we will use digital cameras and Learnpads to take photographs and film each other, especially in performance-based lessons. We will work more on coding skills as we go through the term.

Theme

Our theme this half term is 'Monstrous Mountains'. The children will learn about what mountains are, how they are formed and how they are used by people over the world. We will really focus on map work by identifying where mountain ranges are in the world and locating them on a blank map. Through our science lessons, we will focus on fair testing by looking at materials needed to keep an explorer warm and dry when climbing. We will develop our skills of observation and sketching by looking at images of mountains and experimenting with media to create our own images.

Next half term we will be exploring digestion and the marvels of the human body in our theme called, 'Bodies, Bile & Burps'. We will look at nutrition, what it takes to stay healthy and find out where our food comes from and goes to!

Music

This term, we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel by reading simple music. We will continue to develop our skills in rhythm, tempo and dynamics through this exciting new instrument!

French

In French, we will start a unit called 'Joyeux Anniversaire', which will look at the numbers and months of the year.

We are looking forward to this term and the exciting things yet to learn!

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Lacey and Miss Downing

