

Yearly Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

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 in Year 3.

Class:	Year 3 – Meerkats and Lemurs		
Class Teacher:	Mrs Williams, Mrs Gilchrist and Mrs O'Donnell		
Support staff working in the classroom:	Mrs Wyeth & Mrs Isaacs Miss Matic & Miss White		
Home learning:	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday.		
Reading books:	It is your child's responsibility in year 3 to change their home reading book when they have finished it. They are given time at school to do this. Children can sign their own home-learning diary when they have read. Please sign the diary when you have read with your child. Any brief comments about how they read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits:	Our PE days are every Wednesday and Friday. Children will come to school dressed in weather appropriate PE kits. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Wow events this year:	We will be planning wow events in school throughout the year we hope that trips and visitors can recommence at some point.		
Class-led worship dates:	TBC		
Theme work this year:	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Stone Age Monstrous Mountains	The Heavy Metal ages Chewing, chomping, Munching and Crunching	Ashford through the ages Oh I do like to be beside the seaside

Each half a term we will be sending home a theme overview. This is a useful document that explains how the theme will be taught throughout the foundation subjects. It gives practical ideas of how you can support your child at home and includes suggestions for extra – curricular activities to do as a family. Furthermore, it gives a list of spellings and key vocabulary that are relevant to the theme. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

English

Autumn Term:

We will be focusing on narrative writing based on the book The Stone Age Boy. We will look at traditional tales which will include the text Billy Goats Gruff with an alternative setting. We will also be looking at limericks and features of a newspaper.

Spring Term:

We will be focussing on narrative and non-narrative writing including non-chronological reports, re-rewriting a chapter and features of descriptive writing based on the text The Boy with the Bronze Axe. Part of this term will have a focus on poetry and the features of this.

Summer Term:

This term text is the Firework Makers Daughter linked to this we will be writing letters, descriptions and writing our own stories.

Throughout the year we will be learning how to edit and up level our own writing as part of our ACE writing focus. We will also have opportunities to read aloud our work.

Maths

We will be working on counting, partitioning and calculating which will include use of the four operations. Throughout this year, our understanding of place value will be embedded and children will start to use column methods for addition and subtraction. We will be building on our knowledge of number facts and using them to strengthen our arithmetical skills. By the end of year 3, all children should have a confident knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. An important are of learning this year is fractions; comparing fractions and finding equivalents. We will cover data handling through the use of graphs and symbols, and measures which include mass, capacity and different units of measurement. We will use our measuring skills to measure and calculate length and perimeter. By the end of Year 3, all children will be expected to be able to read the time from both analogue and digital clocks.

RE

Autumn Term:

In R.E, we will be learning about 'The Bible', its story telling and how it came into being and how remembrance is important.

Spring Term:

In R.E, we will be finding out about 'Judaism' and what it means to be a Jew. In Spring 2, we will move on to focus on 'the New Commandment' in Christianity.

Summer Term:

During our R.E lessons we will be learning about Buddhism and what this is. We will then look into 'Who is Jesus?'

PE

In our PE sessions, we will be focusing on skills that can be applied to many physical games. We will learn a range of new games that require teamwork, as well as fundamental movement skills. For the first half term our focus will be on co-ordination, applying these skills to pair and team games. Another focus this year will be on co-ordination. We will also be incorporating some sequence lessons using a range of apparatus.

In the Summer Term, we will learn and develop athletics skills including throwing, catching, running and jumping. The weekly swimming sessions will encourage all children to work towards the target of swimming 25m. Those children who are already confident swimmers will be challenged to further develop the quality of their swimming strokes and stamina for swimming greater distances.

ICT / Computing

We will use ICT across the curriculum. As well as improving our typing skills, we will use digital cameras and the LearnPads to take photographs and film each other. We will continue to develop the children's coding skills following on from their work in Year 2. Throughout the year, we will emphasise the importance of being safe online and address internet safety. Children will have an opportunity to think about how they use the internet and some of the advantages and disadvantages around its use.

If you have any questions about our year ahead please feel free to catch one of the year 3 team and we will be happy to help.



Many thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs Williams, Mrs Gilchrist and Mrs O'Donnell

