

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Hello and welcome to Year 3! We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and making a start on our first topics of the year. Below is a summary of each of our subjects, our topics and how you can continue to engage the children at home.

Reading

We run a daily whole-class reading session where we will explore a variety of texts and genres. We aim to develop reading fluency whilst increasing reading comprehension skills. This can be further developed at home by reading frequently.



We will be reading:

Hoey Higgins and the Awards of Awesomeness by Steve Voake

Mary Poppins by PL Travers

Writing

This half term, we will begin by studying a short, animated film about an explorer named Tadeo Jones. We will learn how to write diary entries which include setting descriptions. Then, we will read a book called *Kai and the Monkey King*. We will write persuasive adverts and leaflets, inspired by the book. Finally, we will explore a picture book called *Tuesday*. We will learn how to write recounts and newspaper articles.



Maths

Our first maths unit is Place Value, where we will be learning about numbers up to 1,000. We will use concrete resources such as base 10 blocks to support our learning. We will learn how to use partitioning to identify the hundreds, tens and ones in three-digit numbers.



Towards the end of the half term, we will move to our addition and subtraction unit. We will begin by adding ones, tens and hundreds to three-digit numbers, using our place value knowledge. We will use concrete resources such as place value counters to support us.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is 'Amazing Bodies'. In this topic, the children will learn about the things that they need to survive. We will also complete work around healthy eating and the foods that fuel our body best. The children will also learn about the importance of exercise and how our muscles work.



Computing

Our computing unit is centred around coding, focusing firstly on the use of flowcharts. The children then use Purple Mash to learn how to code a program. This will then lead them to creating their very own interactive scene over a few lessons!



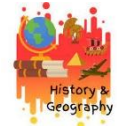
Art & Design/Design & Technology

We will be running a Design & Technology unit this half term which is called 'Eating Seasonally'. This topic will be looking at British seasonal food, particularly vegetables. We will then work towards creating a tart in the last lesson of the unit. We can't wait to try them!



Geography/History

Our Geography unit this half term is called “The United Kingdom.” We will begin by identifying the countries which make up the UK, as well as learning how to use the 8 points on a compass. We will then learn about regions and counties in the UK. We will study different types of maps to learn about the human and physical geography of regions in the UK and make comparisons.



Music

Our first music unit of the year is titled ‘Let your spirit fly’. The children will spend time listening to and appraising music. They will learn how to engage in conversation about different music genres, commenting on their likes and dislikes. Every lesson, we will take part in warm up games to get us moving and then work towards performing the songs ourselves.



PE

In year 3, we have PE on Tuesday and Friday afternoons – please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days. We will be learning how to play football, as well as working on a unit called “Outdoor Adventure Activities” which will focus on orienteering and team-building skills.



PSHE

Our weekly PSHE sessions follow the Jigsaw curriculum. Our first unit is called ‘Being me in my world’. In these lessons, we will spend time getting to know each other, building our class charter, talking about what makes a good/bad school and thinking about our goals for the year. PSHE lessons are a great way for the children to learn effective communication skills.



RE

Our RE lessons this half term explore the religion of Hinduism. We will learn about the festival of Diwali and how this is celebrated by Hindu people.



Enrichment

At the end of our DT unit, we will do some cooking in class. We will then have a picnic outside, where we can taste our delicious tarts.



Homework Project

Here are some activities that link to our topics. If your child completes one, please bring it in – we would love to see it!



- Choose a UK city and do some research online to find out it. You could make a poster or leaflet to show what you have found out.
- Help an adult at home with the cooking. Maybe you could find a new, healthy recipe to try together.
- Imagine you are an explorer and you have made an exciting new discovery. Write a story or diary entry about your discovery. Can you describe the setting, using the skills we are learning about in our English lessons?



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Thakrar
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Limehouse

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 4th September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11th September - Reception children start- in either am or pm.

Monday 18th September – Y6 Condoover Trip

W/B 18th September – Reception children start full time



Tuesday 26th September – Parents Phonics Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 28th September – Parents Phonics Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd October – Parents Maths Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 5th October – Parents Maths Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 10th October - Parents Evening - 4pm -7pm

Wednesday 11th October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 11th October – Whole school panto – Jack & Beanstalk

W/B 16th October – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Thursday 19th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

Friday 20th October – Training Day