

Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to Spring 2! We are so excited for this half term; it is filled with many exciting topics and events! Below is a summary of what Year 3 will be learning this half term.

Reading

We will be reading every day in class. Twice a week, we will be reading a shared book. These whole class lessons will help us to develop our reading comprehension and teach us how to use skills such as inferring and predicting when we read. Twice a week, we will read a book which matches our reading level to improve our fluency. Once a week, we will be learning how to answer written comprehension questions.



As a class, we will be reading:

Harry the Poisonous Centipede by Lynne Reid Banks

Jack Slater, Monster Investigator by John Dougherty

Writing

This half term, we will be writing stories inspired by the picture book *Jim and the Beanstalk*. We will start by retelling the story and will then move on to planning and writing our own stories. Then, we will be writing persuasive adverts based on *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy. We will explore how to write in a persuasive way, and will learn how to adapt our writing to suit the audience and purpose.



In both units, we will be focusing on using ambitious vocabulary and structuring sentences in different ways. We will also be learning how to proof-read and edit our writing, so that we can spot and correct mistakes and make our writing as interesting as possible.

Maths

We will begin Spring 2 by continuing with our length and perimeter unit. After this, the children will move onto our first fractions unit. We will be combining both fluency and reasoning based questions to cover a range of mathematical skills.



We regularly revisit key skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, building the children's familiarity with the formal methods of these operations. The children also frequently practise their times tables in class, using the Times Table Rockstars format. At home, Year 3 children can log onto Times Table Rockstars to do some further practice.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is called 'Our Changing World'. We will be looking at how leaves, flowers and seeds change throughout the year. On top of this, we will be exploring our school environment to see which plants we can see on the school grounds. Our topic will involve a lot of observations and recording. The children will also practice representing their data in tables and graphs.



Computing



In computing, we will be learning about online communication and emails. We will use Purple Mash to learn how to write, send and reply to emails. We will also discuss how we can keep ourselves safe when communicating via email.

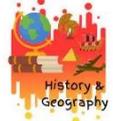
Art & Design/Design & Technology

This half term, our artwork will be inspired by the Ancient Egyptians, who we learnt about in history earlier in the year. We will be creating our own scrolls in the style of Ancient Egyptian art. To do this, we will use a range of different drawing materials. We will also use new techniques to create Ancient Egyptian-style papyrus.



Geography/History

This half term, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks in history. We will discover how the Ancient Greeks have influenced our lives today, by learning about Greek democracy, architecture and scientific discoveries. We will also explore some Ancient Greek myths to find out about the Gods and Goddesses which they worshipped.



Music

This half term, we will be completing a unit of work called The Dragon Song. We will be developing our singing technique by learning to sing in time and in tune to a piece of music. We will also be using instruments to add instrumental sections to our song.



PE

In Year 3, we have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons – please remember to send your child to school in their PE kits, including trainers. On Tuesdays, we will be carrying out indoor athletics activities. We will be learning how to carry out jumping and sprinting events. We will also be using our maths knowledge to time ourselves and measure distances. On Wednesdays, we will be completing a unit called Multiskills. This unit will help us to develop our agility and coordination skills.



PSHE

Our weekly PSHE sessions follow the Jigsaw curriculum. Our next unit is called 'Healthy Me'. As a class, we will be exploring how to stay safe, how to keep fit and healthy, and how to keep calm in difficult situations. The Year 3 class really enjoy sharing their thoughts and experiences during our class discussions in PSHE.



RE

Our RE lessons will focus on the Easter story. We will hear stories from the Bible and relate this to common Easter traditions. Like PSHE, the children enjoy respectfully discussing different religious perspectives.



Enrichment

We have lots of exciting enrichment opportunities taking place this half term! On Thursday 7th March, we will be taking part in our whole-school World Book Day celebrations. On Wednesday 20th March, we will be taking part in an exciting Ancient Egypt workshop, linked to our art learning. And on Monday 25th March we will be joining a special assembly led by people who work at Capital One bank to find out how important maths is in the "real" world.



Homework Project

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



- Create some artwork inspired by the Ancient Egyptians. You could use tea or coffee to make your paper look old.
- Write your own version of Jim and the Beanstalk. You could change the characters, the setting or the events.
- Record which plants can be found in your garden/local area. How do they change over the year?


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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 Assistant: 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.

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 26th February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day



Tuesday 12th March- Parents Evening; 4-7pm

Wednesday 13th March- Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 20th March- Ancient Egypt workshop

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter