

Year 3

English

This term we will be using the books 'The Secret of Black Rock' and 'Star in a Jar'. We will also be writing an explanation text linked to our geography topic and a diary linked to our history topic. As a school we use "The Write Stuff" - approach to teach writing. This develops the children's ability to write effective sentences and use a wide range of vocabulary. We will also be learning and applying spelling rules as well as learning some of the Year 3 and 4 vocabulary. The children will have daily whole class reading lessons where we will focus on vocabulary, summarising and inferring.

Physical Education

In the Spring term, Year 3 will be taking part in gymnastic, dance, hockey and rounder. We will be focussing on using strength and flexibility in gymnastics, improvisation in dance, using control in hockey and learning the basic rules in rounders. P.E. will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons for Year 3. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and all jewellery is

Homework

Children are expected to read for 10 minutes every day and have their diary signed by an adult at home. Homework is set on a Friday and is to be completed by Wednesday. Please encourage children to learn their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Music & French

In Music the children will continue with their weekly Pbone lessons with Mr Hadlington from Dudley Performing Arts. In French the children will continue learning some French conversation, such as how to tell someone how old they are and where they live.

Science, History, Geography, and DT

In Science, we are learning about Plants and Animals including humans. We are focusing on the big questions, 'Why are skeletons and muscles important for humans and some animals?', and 'How do the functions of a plant support its growth and survival?' The children will have the opportunity to carry out investigations to answer questions such as 'What happens to celery when it is left in a glass of coloured water?' and 'How does our skeleton change over time (from birth to death)?'

In Geography, our topic will be 'Campania.' The children will be learning about the region of Campania in Italy with a focus on Naples. They will also study volcanoes and earthquakes as part of this topic.

In History the children will be travelling back in time to find out about the Romans. They will be studying what life was like for people in Roman times and will be answering the question 'What did the Romans leave behind?'

In Art the children will be studying the work of William Morris and patterns in nature. They will create a collography print. In Design and Technology, children will be designing and making a healthy sandwich.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division; fractions and measure. The children will be measuring length, capacity and mass using standard units of measure including millimetres, grams and millilitres.

We will also continue to multiply and divide moving onto multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

To support the children please encourage them to practise their times tables. You can chant them anywhere! The children can also use 'Hit the Button' to practise which is a free online tool.

Knowing the times tables and the associated division facts supports mathematical understanding and those children who know them are more confident when learning new concepts. Thank you for your support.

PSHE and RE

In RE children will be thinking about the answers to the questions 'What is it like to follow God?' and 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?'

In PSHE the children will be thinking about their 'Dreams and Goals' and how they can achieve them. Then 'Healthy Me' where we will focus on making informed choices about diet and exercise in order to keep ourselves healthy.

Trips

There will be a visit to the local library on Thursday 9th February. The children who have library cards will be able to return and borrow books on that day. We are also hoping to organise a visit to the Roman city of Wroxeter as part of our History topic.