



Class 3 – Spring Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope this year is a healthy and happy one for all our families. The children have come back to school extremely well, they are calm and ready to learn, a big well done to them. This term Year 1 continues to be busy and exciting, and we are encouraging the children to become even more independent. We want to support you in every way we can, so please don't hesitate to pop into class if you have any queries, or to have a look at your child's work. We are looking forward to working with you this term.

Thank you,
Mrs Shildrick and Mrs Carter



English

This term, in English we will cover the following genres: -retell of a story -letters and postcards -speech and thought bubbles, - simple instructions -poetry -a recount of an event. We will continue to form lower and upper case letters correctly, and understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families'. We will be learning to leave spaces between words when writing, to punctuate a sentence using a capital letter, a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark. The children will learn to segment words to spell using phonic sounds, as well as learning to spell tricky words. In our reading sessions: we will continue to learn to decode, read known graphemes with alternative pronunciations, use prosody and answer comprehension questions to show our understanding of the books we read. We would love you to bring your favourite stories from home into school to share as a class.

Maths

The children will continue to form digits from 0 to 9 correctly. We will spend time each week practising to count to 100, forwards and backwards, recognising odd and even numbers, doubles and halves, memorising number bonds to 10 and 20, and counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Please can you support your child in learning all of their number bonds to 10/20 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, a secure knowledge will make maths much easier. **The main areas we will cover this term are:**

- Place Value (within 20)
- Addition and Subtraction (within 20)
- Place Value (within 50)
- Length and Height
- Weight and Volume

Science

Our Science topic is all about different materials. We will begin by identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. We will look at different materials, and distinguish between objects by the material it is made from. The children will investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. The children will observe closely the wonderful and beautiful changes across the winter and spring seasons, and describe the weather associated with each season.



History

In History, we will be looking closely at our Royal Family and how they have helped to shape Great Britain. We will be looking at objects from the past and comparing them to objects we use now. We will begin to use timelines to share our knowledge and understanding of past and present.



Computing

This term in Computing, we are working on our keyboard skills. We will be continuing to work on logging on to a computer and opening a word document. We are also working on presenting and interpreting data about the weather. We will explore different ways of presenting data and think carefully about which method is best to use. Children will also begin to explore code and learn about how this helps a computer to work.



Geography

We will be improving our knowledge of locations in Geography using globes, atlases and Google Earth. In our topic 'Rule Britannia', we will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK, and surrounding seas.



Art, Music and D&T

This term in Art, the children will be introduced to the contemporary artist, Yayoi Kusama and learn about her unique style using dazzling colours and polka dots of different shapes and sizes. They will learn how to mould and manipulate modelling clay. They will decorate their sculpture in the style of Yayoi Kusama. In our DT topic we will be designing and making story character finger puppets using from felt. We will continue to use our Charanga programme in Music, where we listen and learn new songs together and learn to play the glockenspiel. We will learn about rhythm and pulse. We will end the term by performing our class song to an audience.



P.E.

In P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of target games, where they will become more confident using new skills to aim and direct when passing or shooting. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through dance. Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, however these days may change, so please ensure PE Kits (white tops, black shorts/jogging bottoms and black plimsolls) are brought to school on a Monday and left for the half term



Homework

Children in Class 3 are expected to do 30 minutes homework every school night. This consists of:

- Ten minutes reading a free choice book (ideally with an adult);
- Ten minutes practising spellings of the week (see full list in your child's reading record) using the look, say, cover, write, check method;
- Ten minutes of Sumsdog maths (login details will be in your child's homework book).

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will be tested on their spellings every Thursday. Reading books will go home on a Friday, please listen to your child read over the weekend. Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support.

