

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



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The children had great fun last term learning about the history of Titanic and now we move onto all things that are metal!

Below is brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 3 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child to support their learning at home.

Subject	
Literacy	<p><u>Writing</u> - We will be reading the story The Iron Man. We will be writing character descriptions as well as a letter from one of the main characters. We will be focusing on applying all the spelling, punctuation, grammar and composition skills that we have learnt. We will also be focusing on editing our work for incorrect spelling and punctuation as well as improving our word choice for effect. We will be continuing to learn words from the year 3 / 4 spelling list and recap on the spelling of words where the sound doesn't not correspond with the letters such as dge instead of g in bridge and ci instead of s in circle</p> <p><u>Reading</u> – We will be focusing on checking the text to ensure it makes sense and understanding the text by asking questions. We will also be looking at how the structure and presentation of a text can affect its meaning.</p>
Numeracy	<p>We will be recapping our knowledge of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ of a shape, quantity and number and move onto different fractions. Mentally we will be counting up and down in 10ths, recognising that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one digit numbers or quantities by 10.</p> <p>We will be adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator within one whole and comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator.</p> <p>We will be solving real-life problems which relate to fractions.</p> <p>We will be recapping our 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times tables and division facts.</p>
Topic – Geography/Science	<p>Our topic this term is called Everything Metal. During topic time we will be investigating the science behind magnets and springs. We will use this information to write an explanation about how magnets and springs work, using the language force, attract, repel and poles.</p> <p>In Geography we will be investigating the local area. We will be looking at the human geography of our local area, including: types of settlement and land use.</p> <p>We will be using the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom. Included in this will be some orienteering activities.</p>
ICT	We will be exploring digital technologies to investigate different aspects of mapping and comparing these to Ordnance Survey maps and atlases.
RE	We will be exploring the subject of temptation and making choices.
Music	Year Three will be continuing with their recorder playing as part of the "Everyone Plays" Project. All children have the opportunity to participate in the Recorder Extravaganza on Thursday 15th March. We will also share some of the pieces we have been learning in a short concert in school on Tuesday 20th March at 9 a.m.
French	We will begin by revising colours and numbers and move on to using these as adjectives in sentences. We will be learning new 'transport' vocabulary which will then help us to carry out a class survey of 'how we travel to school'. We will investigate where in the world French is spoken, learn the points of the compass and how we could travel to those places.
Art /DT	We will be exploring, designing, making and evaluating a monster that moves in different ways. We will be exploring the use of iPads and cameras to produce black and white photograph.

PE – Outdoor PE is cricket, indoor PE is SAQ – speed, agility and quickness

Library - Friday



Important dates - Please join us on for a short performance of the pieces we have been learning to play on our recorders this term. This will be on **Tuesday 20th March at 9 a.m.** in the school hall. All children have also received a letter about performing at the Southampton Recorder Extravaganza on the evening of **Thursday 15th March.**