

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2 2017

Well what a great first half term we've had. We have been really impressed by the children's attitudes to their learning and how they have adapted to life in the Junior school.

Below is brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 3 this half term.

Subject	
Literacy	<p>We will be using different film clips and our new reading text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' to help us to write setting descriptions and a diary entry. We will be focusing on using paragraphs to organise our ideas and conjunctions (when, while, after and before) to join sentences together.</p> <p>We will also be looking at different types of poems identifying alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia and then use this knowledge to write our own poem.</p> <p>In SPaG we will be recapping spelling past tense words and learning spelling rules form words ending in ture, sure, tion and sion. We will be continuing to learn and practise the correct spelling of some Year 3 words. Please see attached sheet.</p>
Numeracy	<p>We will be using our knowledge of place value of 3 digit numbers to help us to add and subtract using the column method. We will be learning how to estimate an answer and use the inverse operation to check our answer is correct. We will be problem solving and explaining patterns and ideas.</p> <p>We will be mentally adding ones, tens and hundreds to any number up to 1000 as well as recapping our number bonds and how we can use them to help us add and subtract quickly.</p>
Topic – History/DT	<p>Our topic this term is called Bright Spark. During topic time we will be investigating the history of fireworks and use this information to write a non-chronological report applying our knowledge of paragraphing, interesting punctuation and conjunctions.</p> <p>In DT we will be baking pastry Catherine Wheels. The children will be learning how to prepare and cook the wheels using a range of techniques. We will be our writing skills to write the recipe and instructions for baking.</p>
Science	<p>We will be learning about plants. We will be identifying and describing parts of the plants and their function, investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and exploring the life cycle of flowering plants including the part that the flower plays. We will be discussing pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</p>
ICT	<p>We will be building on our knowledge of coding and algorithms using the programs on Purple Mash.</p>
RE	<p>We will be learning about the symbol of light in different religions. We will be looking at Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. We will look at the similarities and differences between each of the festivals.</p>
French	<p>We will be learning the numbers 0-20 and using them within a range of contexts. We will listen to 'The Enormous Turnip' and join in with the repetitive phrases of this traditional story and learn the vocabulary for games we play in the playground. We will discover how Christmas is celebrated in France.</p>
Music	<p>In Year Three we are continuing with the "Everyone Plays" Project and developing our drumming skills. We hope that you can join us for a short presentation of some of the songs and pieces that we have been learning. This will be on Tuesday 28th November from 9.05 – 9.30. We will also be learning some songs in preparation for our whole school Christmas performances in the last week of term.</p>
Art	<p>We will be exploring the work of Jackson Pollock and investigating different art materials to create a firework picture in the style of Jackson Pollock</p>

PE – Team building and Gymnastics. Please could PE kits be in school all week.

Library - Friday

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 28th November at 9am – Drumming concert

Friday 1st December: Theatre Trip to the Nuffield Theatre to watch Hetty Feather – details to follow.



Word list – years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	