

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

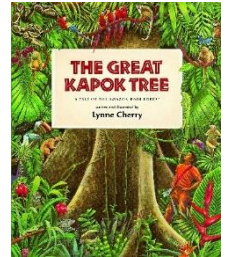


Dear parents and carers,

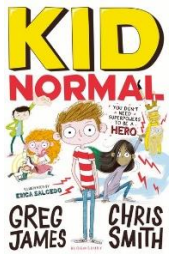
I hope that you have all had a pleasant half term, here is an overview of our learning in the lead up to the end of the spring term

## Literacy

In Literacy, we will learning about the book 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children's final written outcome will be to write a persuasive speech to encourage the stopping of deforestation in the pursuit of palm oil. While studying this text we will be practicing how to write complex sentence sentences which include subordinate clauses and how to change our tone and intonation when reading aloud.



During our daily guided reading lessons, we will be focusing on improving our understanding of what we read. This will include summarising; inferring meaning and characters' feelings; making predictions; and discussing how different language, structure and presentation choices contribute to meaning and capture the reader's interest.



Every week we will have a guided reading theme, so the children are able to read a variety of different fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also continue to read our class book; Kid Normal.

In order to keep developing our reading skills and love of reading, it is really important to **read at home** regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. The children are doing extremely well with their reading challenges, so please keep encouraging this at home.

Spellings will be given out weekly, based on the on the Year 3 / 4 common exception words. They will be given on a **Monday** and these should be practised regularly before being tested on the **Friday**.

## Mathematics



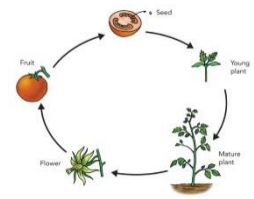
This term, in Maths, we will be focusing on adding and subtracting different amounts of money. We will then be learning about time and measuring this in different units.

At this point in the year the children should be confident on the 2,5 and 10 times tables, and becoming increasingly confident in the 3,4 and 8 times tables. The website 'Top Marks' has some brilliant resources and games which can be accessed independently. Please see some QR codes below for some suggested activities..

 Money	 Multiplication and division	 Multiplication and division	 Addition and subtraction	 Addition and subtraction
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## Science

In science the children will be exploring the different parts of plants, what they need to grow, how they transport water and understanding the life cycle of flowering plants. We will be **visiting the Orchid Foundation on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** where we will learn about the different adaptations of rainforest plants.



## PE



We are very lucky to continue have Jersey Sport work with us in our PE sessions on Thursdays and Lauren from Jersey Netball development teaching us netball on Fridays. **PE will now be on Thursdays and Fridays.** Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days.

## Geography



In our Geography topic, this term, we will be learning about where rainforests are located, relating this to the climate and equator and what they are made up of. We will also be **visiting St Catherine's Woods on the afternoon of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** which will allow us to identify similarities and differences between this location and the Amazon Rainforest.

## Art

In art this term we will be experimenting with different techniques with oil pastels, or, chalks to create our own rainforest scenes.



## Jigsaw

Our Jigsaw piece this half term is Healthy Me. We will consider how we can keep our bodies and relationships with one another, healthy.

## Music

Mrs Lawrence has noticed Year 3's love for music and singing, which they gave you a taste of in our Christmas celebration. She has chosen to take Year 3 to the Choral Celebration which we will be performing at on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Jersey Methodist Church.**

I hope that this information gives you an insight into the learning and activities for Year 3 this half-term. **Homework** will continue to be given **every Friday**, and due the following Friday. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. The end of the day, after 3pm, is the best time to catch me.

Kind Regards,

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