

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2023



Dear parents and carers,

We would like to welcome you back to a new school year and hope you are all well and have had a good summer.

### Literacy



In Literacy we will spend the first half of the term focusing on speaking and listening skills to help us improve our writing - if we can say it, then we can write it! We will also be revising basic punctuation and grammar skills to improve our writing. We have begun reading *The Queen's Lift-Off* and are working towards writing lost posters to help a missing astronaut!

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, *Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball*.

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.

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



We will begin by looking at place value, including counting to 100, two-digit numbers, comparing numbers, number bonds and number patterns. When we have mastered these, we will move on to addition and subtraction - using both written methods and mental strategies.

There will be a continuous focus on times-tables. It is important that the children practise their times-tables regularly at home. It will also help them with their fluency - which will help in many areas of maths. We will be focusing on the 10x, 5x, 2x and 3x tables this term and we will give maths home learning to support this.

## Science

In science, the children will be learning about forces and magnets. The skills that they will be learning include: to notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance and to observe how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some materials but not others.



## PE



We are very lucky to have Jersey Sport working with us in our PE sessions. **PE will be on Monday and Friday.** Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days.

## Geography

In our Geography topic we will learn about what makes the UK special. We will learn about the different countries, cities and counties that make up the UK and also about the physical features of the UK.



## Computing

In computing we will be learning about connecting computers. This will include identifying that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs, and how devices can be connected to make networks.

## Art



In art we will be learning all about colour theory. We will explore and discuss different groups of colour; experiment with colour and also consider why artists have chosen to use colour in different ways.

## Jigsaw

Our Jigsaw piece this half term is Being Me in My World. We will consider what values are important to us in school and what place rewards and consequences have in our lives.



## French



In French we will be learning all about France, how to greet people, how to introduce ourselves, how old we are and the numbers from 1-12.

Homework will be given out every Friday, and be collected the following Friday. We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 3 will be like. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the gate at the end of each school day, but you can also email to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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