

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

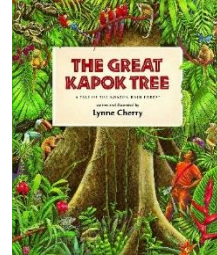


Dear parents and carers,

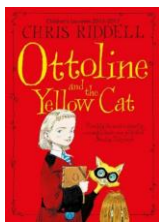
We would like to welcome you back to a new school year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be 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. While studying this text we will be practicing how to use fronted adverbials, write in paragraphs 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; Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.

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**.

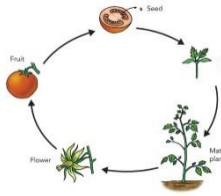
Mathematics

This term we will be continuing to learn about different methods to solve multiplication and division problems. We will then move on to solving multiplication problems that involve regrouping, followed by measurement.



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 mathematical fluency - which will help in many areas of maths. We will be focusing on the 4x, 3x, and 8x tables this term. Times tables Rockstars is a great way to practise,





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.

PE

This term we are lucky enough to have PE 3 times per week. On **Wednesday** we will learn dance with Dragos; on **Thursdays**, Jersey Netball will teach ball handling and game-play and **Friday** we will have PE with Jersey Sport. **Children must come to school in PE kit 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.

Jigsaw

Our Jigsaw piece this half term is Dreams and Goals. We will consider how we can be resilient in challenging situations and how we can collaborate to achieve our goals.



DT



This term we are fortunate enough to have our weekly cooking sessions with Caring Cooks. We will be learning a number of practical cooking skills and the nutrition of different foods.

Art

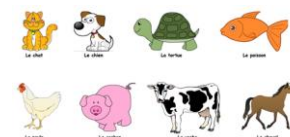
We will be learning about different textiles and creating a collaborative piece based on Mark Quinn's Winter Garden creating 3D flowers.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be using Scratch to learn coding and create a project using visuals and sounds.

French

In French we will be revising our learning on classroom objects and numbers. We will then be learning the French names for animals.



We 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 or email your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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