

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you have all had a pleasant half term. As we move into the winter months, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat.

Here is an overview of children's learning in the lead up to Christmas.

## Literacy

In writing, we will be studying the book *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. The children's final written outcome will be a diary entry from the point of view of Arthur, the main character. While exploring this text, we will be practising how to use dictionaries and learning how to include adverbs of time in our writing.



During our reading lessons, we will focus on developing comprehension skills such as summarising, inferring meaning and characters' feelings, making predictions, and discussing how language and structure choices affect meaning.

Each week we will have a guided reading theme, allowing the children to enjoy a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also begin our new class novel, *Pugs of the Frozen North*.



To continue building a love of reading, please support your child by reading at home regularly. Research shows that reading for just 15 minutes a day can equate to one million words read in a year!

## Mathematics



This term, we will focus on subtracting three-digit numbers in a variety of ways. We will then move on to solving multiplication and division problems, applying our understanding to real-life contexts.

## Science

Our science topic this half term is Rocks. By the end of the unit, children will be able to answer key questions such as:



How can we classify different types of rocks? What is soil made from? How are fossils formed?

Children will also develop their skills in working scientifically and carrying out simple enquiries.

## Geography

We will explore Jersey's geography by identifying its height above sea level, key physical and human features, and comparing these with Italy. The children will use maps, atlases, and the eight points of the compass to describe locations and directions within Europe. Finally, we will revisit key geographical features of the UK to consolidate understanding before moving on next term.



## RE



In RE, we will learn about the story of Noah's Ark and explore how it links to the idea of making and keeping promises in everyday life.

## Jigsaw (PSHE)

Our Jigsaw theme this half term is Celebrating Difference. We will reflect on how to respect people's differences and consider what we can do if we see others being treated unkindly.



## Computing

In computing, children will be learning skills in stop motion animation and making short animations using pen and paper graduating to using software on iPads.

## Art

In art, we will continue to develop our understanding of colour theory. The children will experiment with different colour groups, explore how artists use colour to create mood and meaning, and apply these ideas in their own artwork.



## French



In French, the children will be learning about France, building confidence in greetings and counting, as well as naming classroom objects, and following simple instructions in French.

## PE

Mrs Boyle will continue to teach our PE lessons. This half term, the focus will be on developing attacking and defending skills in netball. PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays for both 3C and 3DL. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits on these days. PE will be outside unless the weather is poor. Children can wear hats and coats to keep warm.



## Homework

Homework will continue to be given every Monday, and due the following Monday. It will include spelling and a maths focus. We will be asking the children to spend time practising their times tables every other week as part of maths focus, in order to build fluency and quick recall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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