

Year 3 Newsletter: Summer 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back - we hope the children had a fantastic Easter break. Below is an outline of our planned curriculum for this half term.

Maths

In Maths, we will be returning back to fractions. Pupils will embed learning from the Spring term, before using these skills to support adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move on to learning focussed on money. Pupils will explore pounds and pence before consolidating column addition and subtraction when adding and subtracting money. Pupils will be encouraged to represent their answers in a range of ways to strengthen their understanding.

English

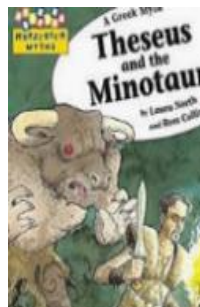
In English this half term, Year 3 will be writing our very own myths based on Theseus and the Minotaur. We will analyse the structure of this narrative and use this to create our own version. Pupils will create characters, setting and narrative, thinking carefully about the purpose, audience and type of writing. The children will use expanded noun phrases in their writing to enhance description.

Geography

Our Geography topic is Modern Greece. Within lessons, we will explore maps, locating where Greece is and its surrounding countries. We will also learn why Greece is an attractive tourist destination.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to learn the different phonic sounds whilst exploring the vocabulary for different fruits and ice-cream



Science

In science, our topic is Muscles and Skeletons. Throughout this topic, pupils will learn about skeletons and muscles and how different body parts have specific functions. We will explore different types of skeletons, thinking about how they support movement and protection. The children will also conduct an investigation to see if they can run as fast as Usain Bolt!

Computing

In computing, we are using the desktop computers to practise using software such as Microsoft Word and Publisher. We will practise skills such as typing, changing font and editing text. We will then apply these skills by producing a magazine or invitation.

Music

In Music, we are learning the song 'Bringing Us Together'. Children will listen to and appraise the song and learn how to play the recorder, keeping in tune with the beat and rhythm.

PSHE

We are learning about 'Keeping safe and managing risk'. This includes learning about bullying and how to respond to being a victim or witness to bullying. This links in with computing as we will be covering online safety.

Design Technology

Year 3 will design and create Medusa masks. The children will use papier mache to create a mask and they will use various resources to decorate them.

PE

In P.E, we will be focusing on the physical cog. Children will learn the importance of physical activity and how this links to mental wellbeing. Pupils will also develop agility and balance skills by conducting a range of activities. They will have the opportunity to reflect on their performances thinking of ways they can improve and develop their skills further.

Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Children will learn the importance of British Values. We will explore the value of democracy and pupils will be encouraged to share their views about the world we live in. We will develop our knowledge of equality and how people should be treated fairly.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will learn the importance of having a growth mind-set when faced with difficult tasks. In P.E, children will learn problem solving strategies through scenario based learning.

Healthy and Happy Living

Year 3 will learn the importance of having healthy relationships in our PHSE topic. They will learn strategies to support their wellbeing and to raise concerns if they feel unsafe or uncared for.

Inquisitive Investigators

In Maths, Year 3 will investigate how the wing span of a paper aeroplane affects the distance it flies. Pupils will create and fly paper aeroplanes and measure the distance they travel.

Important information:

- For this half term, 3JM and 3FS's PE lessons will take place every **Wednesday**. 3GM is on a **Monday** due to sports coaches. Please ensure that your child comes to school already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day.
- Your child will read with an adult in school on a 1:1 basis so please ensure that their book bag is in school **every day**. This book will then be sent home to complete or to be re-read and will be at your child's reading level.
- Please send your child to school with a named water bottle. This will be stored in the classroom, where it can be easily accessed.
- If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher via the main school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 3 Team (Mr Marchant, Mrs Swain, Mrs Fielding and Miss Morris)