

## Year 3 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

### Maths

In Maths, our focus is fractions where we will be looking at unit and non-unit fractions. We will be forming an understanding of what a numerator and denominator are as well as looking at different representations of fractions. Later in the month, we will be moving on to mass and capacity where we will be looking at different measurement and comparing them against others.

### English

In English this half term, Year 3 will be focussing on the book 'Dragon Post' by Emma Yarlett. Pupils will compare formal and informal language and develop their persuasive writing techniques. Towards the end of the half-term, Year 3 will be looking at writing a letter as well as creating a newspaper report about how to look after endangered animals.

### Geography

Our Geography topic is the United Kingdom. Children will learn about the UK and what countries make up our nation. Additionally, we will be using maps to locate seas and rivers as well as focussing on England's capital city London. We will learn about how the city has changed over time and what it looks like now compared to many years ago.



### Science

In Science, our topic is nutrition and diet. Throughout this topic, Year 3 will learn about the types of nutrition animals need to survive and the impact of digesting different foods. Pupils will classify foods and group animals according to their skeletons. In addition, we will also explore how humans and animals have skeletons and muscles to support protection and movement.

### DT

In DT children are creating a basket. Children will be developing skills including cutting, scoring, weaving and knotting to create their final products. Pupils will think about the purpose and audience for their product.

### R.E

In R.E, Year 3 are exploring stories about creation. We will re-tell a range of creation stories, discussing how they are similar and different.

### PSHE

Within our PSHE topic, we are focusing on Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education. Pupils will learn the effects prescribed drugs have on our bodies, the risks of smoking and the helplines available for those who want to quit.

### Music

In Music, we are learning 'The Dragon Song'. Pupils will be using instruments to create music focusing on the 'G' note. 3JM will continue to practise recorders.

### PE

During P.E lessons, Year 3 will be working on their ball skills. They will be looking at different ways of manoeuvring a ball and using their reaction skills to be able to change situations.

### Spanish

Children will continue to work through their phonetical understanding of Spanish words. As well as this, they will be looking at the names for a variety of musical instruments

### Our' Place in 'Our' World.

As part of our PHSE topic, pupils in year 3 will participate in a series of lessons which aim to help them make better choices in life. The children will learn problem solving strategies focusing on valuing mutual respect.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In DT, children will be making baskets made from different materials. They will be using their imaginations to think of creative ways to design the baskets in different ways.

### Healthy and Happy Living

In Science, Year 3 will learn the importance of leading a happy and healthy lifestyle. We will learn the importance of having a balanced diet and develop an understanding of what our body needs to be physically and mentally healthy.

### Inquisitive Investigators

As part of science week, Year 3 will be investigating the effects of exercise on our heart rate. They will be conducting experiments and running tests to see the changes throughout different activities.

### Important information:

- For this half term, all classes will continue to have PE on a **Monday morning**.
- 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.
- We will now be doing our Spelling test on a **Monday**. Children will receive their new spellings each Wednesday to practice.
- Please ensure your child is accessing Timestables Rockstars frequently. If you require login details, please contact your child's class teacher. As well as this, please continue to access Boom Reader and Spelling shed from home.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. 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, Miss Morris and Mr Waring)