



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 have another busy term ahead. Below is an outline of the learning you can expect your child to be complete over the Spring term.

English

This term the children will begin by exploring a story with a theme; Stig of the Dump by Clive King. The children will look at different types of vocabulary used which create effect. They will also work on identifying characters, settings and events within the story before writing their own piece of narrative text

During the second half term, we will read The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Grammar work will focus on developing their understanding of using adverbs and writing in past and present tense. When writing their own narrative, they will be encouraged to record character actions and feelings.

Guided reading sessions will take place four days a week from this term. The children will have the opportunity to practise reading aloud as well as further develop their comprehension skills and work on their vocabulary, grammar and punctuation skills. The children will work in groups to develop skills of inference and retrieve key information from texts.

Maths

Lessons in Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme. Year 3 will begin by focusing on multiplication and division, using multiplication tables they know to solve problems and calculations including multiplying two- digit numbers by one- digit numbers. They will use both mental and formal written methods. Next, they will work on a unit adding and subtracting money. After half term they will focus on statistics and learn to interpret and present data using tables, bar charts and pictograms. Finally, they will learn to compare, add and subtract different measures of length and explore fractions with small denominators. It would be of great benefit for the children to continue to practise their times tables at home as well as at school.

Religious Education (RE)

In the first half term, Year 3 focus on Jesus and explore how did/does Jesus change lives. This will look at Bible stories such as the story of how Zacchaeus was changed by his meeting with Jesus. He learnt that everyone can be forgiven and can be changed for the better. The children will be encouraged to reflect on how such stories have meaning in their lives.

During the second half of the Spring term, as part of a unit of work linked to Easter, we will be answering the question: Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy? In these lessons, Year 3 will explore how each year we mourn Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. It is the most sombre day for Christians around the world. In contrast, we celebrate the most joyous day of the year on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.

Science

This term, the children will begin by learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. We will explore what a force is and how forces are measured. We will also compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials.

In the second half term, they will learn about 'Plants' and label the parts of a plant and look at the functions of the different parts. They will also look at pollination and the life cycle of plants.

Computing

Mr Cross will continue teaching Year 3 Computing. This term, the children start by looking at simulations. After half term they will learn about emails. The children will continue to follow the Purple Mash scheme which is still accessible from home. Please contact Mr Cross if your child has misplaced their login details.

PE

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday and a Friday throughout the Spring Term – please make sure they come to school in their PE kits on these days. They will begin the term with Invasion Games, which focuses on working cooperatively and performing sending and receiving skills with more accuracy. In the second half term, they will move onto a gymnastics unit where they will be creating sequences of 4-6 actions which should be performed in a smooth controlled manner and include travelling, rolling, balances and jumping.

History

This term the children will be developing their chronological awareness of events that happened during the Romans era. They will be encouraged to address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and differences.

Geography

Year 3 will be developing their knowledge and understanding of 'Modern Italy (including weather)' this term. They will be locating and naming some famous landmarks in Italy. They will be finding out how weather and different features in the environment can impact they can have on people's lives.

Art

This term the children will focus on developing their drawing technique. They will research the famous artist Modigliani and have the opportunity to produce their own drawings and paintings in the style of Modigliani.

Design and Technology (DT)

Cooking and nutrition will be the focus throughout the Spring term. The children will be exploring different ways pizzas are made and different types of pizzas including different pizza bases. They will be able to design and create their own pizza, work safely with different tools and then explain what went well with their work and what they would improve if they were to make pizzas again.

French

This term we will begin with a unit related to our DT topic entitled 'Food Glorious Food'.

Music

The children will focus on listening to and appraising different types of music the first half term. They will listen to a variety of musical genres and discuss different musicality features of each piece and what they like and dislike. During the second half term, our music lessons will focus on singing.

PSHE

Year 3 will continue to follow the Heartsmart scheme of work this year. We will begin with 'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy' (learning about thinking about others not just ourselves). After half term, we will be moving onto 'Don't Rub it In, Rub it Out'. We will also be addressing these themes in our whole school and class worship.

Kind regards,

Miss Garner

Key Dates

Parent Consultations – Monday 5th February and Thursday 8th February

Finish for half term – Friday 9th February

School opens-Monday 19th February

Finish for Easter -Thursday 28th March

School reopens – Monday 15th April

