

Welcome back to Year 3!

Spring is here and we are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our 'Take One Scientist' theme and linking it to our curriculum.

Please find detailed below some key information for this term:

Homework

Year 3 homework is reading, spellings and times tables. It is set on a weekly basis, with the homework being handed out on Friday and due in the following Thursday. Children are tested on their spellings on Thursday.

PE

We take part in PE twice a week. Please have PE kit in school on a **Monday** as lessons may be moved due to weather and other activities. As we are still experiencing colder weather, children are advised to wear jogging bottoms and a jumper.

School website

Please use our school website www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk for regular updates and copies of letters sent home as well as additional homework opportunities.

If you have any questions or queries please speak to your child's class teacher or to another member of the Year 3 team.

Thank you!

Mrs Hope—Hedgehogs Class
Mrs Longbourne—Polar Bears Class
Miss Kee —Pandas Class

Year 3 Teachers

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CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS Year 3



Take One Scientist
William Gilbert

LITERACY

We will focus on reading fables, instructions and poetry and move on to using these to inspire our writing. We will continue to read a variety of books during our daily whole class Guided Reading sessions. We will focus on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising (VIPERS) questions in these sessions. We will look at various spelling rules and patterns including vowel sounds, prefixes and suffixes. We encourage the children to join their letters together and ensure a consistent letter size.

SCIENCE

Linking to our 'Take One Scientist' theme this term, we have chosen to look at the scientist William Gilbert, who was the first to propose that the Earth's core contains iron and that magnets point north because the Earth itself is a giant magnet. We will investigate which materials are magnetic, how magnets are used in real life and how they affect each other. We will also learn about forces and identify the effect these have on objects.

COMPUTING

This term our computing topic will be using 'Scratch' to hone our programming skills. We will be sequencing commands and debugging our algorithms to ensure they work correctly. We will also be reinforcing our 'E-Safety' awareness using Gooseberry Planet.

MATHEMATICS

We will study multiplication and division followed by money and statistics. We will continue with our whole school approach of using 'APE' (Answer, Prove, Explain) in our reasoning and problem-solving. It is essential that children know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables off by heart by the end of Year 3. To assist learning these, we practise them every day.

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THEME:

'Take One Scientist'

PSHE

This term's theme is 'Healthy Me'. We will focus on learning more about how to keep our bodies healthy through exercise and what we eat and keeping safe. We will also talk about their perception of drugs, such as medicines prescribed by doctors and those bought in a chemist.

DT

This term our focus will be on design technology. We will be evaluating a variety of biscuits and cookies. We will explore the packaging, shape and design of different sorts of biscuits before designing, making and evaluating our own Easter themed biscuits.

P.E.

In indoor PE we will be working on our dance and gymnastic skills. In outdoor PE we will be focusing on net and ball skills.

HISTORY

We will look at the changing power of monarchs in British history, including William the Conqueror's reign from 1066 onwards, how King John made himself very unpopular as monarch and why King Henry VIII married so many times. We will also learn who Queen Anne was, what Queen Victoria achieved during her reign and look at the role of the British monarchy today.

RE

We will look at the Easter Story through our key enquiry question 'What is good about Good Friday?' We will investigate the importance of the events of Easter Week to Christians and explore the significance of Good Friday in the Christian Calendar.

Homework

Homework continues to be reading, spellings and times tables and homework books should be returned on Thursdays.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

This term, pupils will take part in a science festival and a fascinating trip to Winchester Science Centre. We will also take part in World Book Day activities.