

Welcome back to Year 3!

Spring is here and we are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our Take One Picture and the artist John Dyer.

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 or Friday.

PE

We take part in PE twice a week. Please have PE kit in school on a **Monday**. This should consist of shorts and t-shirt. Preferable footwear for outdoor PE is trainers. For indoor PE, children can go bare foot or wear plimsolls or non-marking trainers. In the 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 eg Times Tables Rockstars, Reading Eggs.

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!

Year 3 Teachers

CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 3

'Take One Picture'



Running to the Beach, Portscatho
by John Dyer

LITERACY

We will focus on narrative and recount writing linking it to, and taking inspiration from our Take One Picture.

In our whole class guided reading, we will continue to improve our reading skills by focussing on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising (VIPERS). We will continue to look at various spelling rules and patterns including vowel sounds, prefixes and suffixes.

We always encourage the children to join their letters together and ensure a consistent letter size.

MATHEMATICS

We will look at multiplication and division using concrete and pictorial representations before moving onto the formal written method.

Alongside this, children will be encouraged to develop their reasoning skills using mathematical vocabulary to explain their thinking.

Children complete Times Tables Rockstars daily and it is essential that they continue to learn their tables outside of school.

P.E.

Each week we have an indoor and outdoor PE session. In indoor PE we will be working on our gymnastics and dance skills. In outdoor PE we will be focusing on hockey skills.

GEOGRAPHY

We will be developing our map skills by focusing on different types of maps including Ordnance Survey Maps. We will be learning about the four points on the compass and using them to describe directions of travel.

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SCIENCE

This term we will be studying light and why it is important. We will investigate the properties of different materials to see if they are transparent, translucent or opaque. We will look at how shadows change throughout the day and how the position of a light source affects the size and shape of the shadow. In addition we will look at light sources and determine if they are natural or man-made.

RE

This term we will be looking at Jesus' Miracles and how they are written about in the Bible. We will also look at the Easter Story and investigate the importance of the events in Easter Week to Christians.

PSHE

This term's theme is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be looking at staying motivated when things get challenging or difficult and working hard to achieve our dreams and ambitions.

MUSIC

We will be composing our own pieces of music inspired by our Take One Picture. We will be using informal notation to record our compositions.

COMPUTING

This term our computing topic will be adding different effects to images, creating music in the style of an artist and combining text sound and graphics for effect. We will also be learning about creating and scanning QR codes.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We will take part in a workshop run by a visiting artist, Zac Newham where our year group will create a wood mosaic for display in the school environment. There will also be an opportunity for you to come in and work with your children in our art workshops.

ART/DT

Our work this term will be linked to a painting by the artist, John Dyer. We will look at his paintings and drawings and then apply his style and key techniques to our own artwork.

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