

Year 3 Spring Term

Curriculum Overview

English

Throughout the term, children will have the opportunity to complete an extended piece of writing to practise the process of planning, drafting and making improvements to their own work as well as their peers. Writing will also be developed through the curriculum. Focus areas for writing this term will be recounts and persuasive writing. The texts we will be reading in English lessons are 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Whole Class Reading will continue to take place each week and home reading books will be allocated to each pupil. Children will be working on a class text during guided reading sessions as well as isolated extracts. Our class text for this term is 'The Iron Man' and 'The Wild Robot'. Please remember to record any reading in your child's reading record where possible.

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) will be also be taught throughout English lessons. There is a huge emphasis on spelling in the year 6 SATs and we want to prepare the children well in advance therefore it is crucial that children are learning their spellings at home each week. Spellings will have a specific rule to follow each week and there will be a weekly test for the home spellings each Friday. Phonics intervention lessons will also take place daily for those children who need it to be able to close any gaps in their knowledge.

Handwriting will be practised throughout the week in school with the focus letter joins changing regularly. Your child will have the opportunity to earn a handwriting pen which will be given out by Mrs Crozier and Mrs Higham-Jones. When I feel your child is ready for a pen they will have to prove to Mrs Crozier and Mrs Higham-Jones that their handwriting is consistently neat with the correct joins across all subjects. Handwriting pens can also be taken away from children if their handwriting becomes inconsistent.

Maths

The topics that will be covered in maths during the autumn term are:

- ✓ Multiplication and Division
- ✓ Shape
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Statistics

Throughout lessons, children will explore reasoning and problem solving to help them to develop a deeper understanding of maths within each unit. Mental arithmetic opportunities will be given daily (4 days per week) and this will focus on all four calculations.

Each child has been given a Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) login which they can use at home for free. They will also be able to practise their maths recall through their Numbots account which was introduced to them last year. Please make use of this facility as it is available on a range of devices including laptops, desktop computers, ipads, android tablets, mobile phones etc. It is FREE for you to use with the log in we have provided you with. Please remember to update this app regularly to make the most of its functions.

History

Our autumn term topic will be the Black Country. The children will explore this local history topic by finding out what it was like to be a child in the later 19th and early 20th centuries, how the canal system became important to industry, and the impact industry had on the locality.

Art

During the first half term, the children will be exploring still life and the work of Paul Cezanne. We will then design and make clay tiles using the still life drawings we have worked on.

Design and Technology

After half term, children will be developing their food and nutrition skills by designing and making a loaf of bread for miner to take into work for lunch.

Science

During this term, children will be learning about forces around magnets, and plants. These lessons will be extending on the children's knowledge of concepts that they learnt about during their previous years within the school. They will begin to write scientific reports about what they have learnt with the experiments we do in class. This will be good practise for further report writing that will be completed in later years.

French

Children will continue to learn to pronounce, write and read French vocabulary. They will begin by looking at basic French words and phrases. Children will engage with language through catchy songs and illustrated stories and fun tasks.

PE

PE will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child arrives to school on these days in tracksuits as PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. **Ear-rings MUST be removed before school or covered a swimming cap. All other jewellery or watches must be removed or covered appropriately and safely.** Please check with us if you are not sure.

Music

Children will be learning how to play the trumpet as a class with tuition from Miss Churchill. Trumpets are provided by the school and a letter about the children taking them home to practise is to follow later this term with more information about their learning.

RE

This term the children will be exploring Big Questions in a range of religions. They will be exploring this with an artistic outcome to represent their response to a Big Question.

PSHE

To begin the new term the focus in PSHE will be based on the theme of 'Dreams and Goals'. This will support children in settling back into school after the summer as well as supporting children to adapt to year 3. We will then move onto learning about 'Healthy Me' after half term.

Computing

This term the children will be learning about Media including sound and video and will move on to finding out about Databases.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each week and should be returned by the following Friday.

Please can you also ensure that your child brings a refillable drinking bottle to school with them every day.

If you have any questions or concerns about year 3 please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Mrs Whitehurst and Miss Blunn