



## Year 3 Autumn 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

In this *Curriculum Newsletter* you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and the Christmas break.

We have had a very good start to the year; the children have settled in well and have already produced some pleasing work. This year, we are looking forward to exploring the Stone Age to Iron Age periods, developing new Maths strategies and introducing our new Destination Reader lessons. We are hoping to inspire an increased interest in and enjoyment of reading, using a variety of books. The children will learn how to discuss a text and work cooperatively with a partner or a small group.

We are encouraging the children to show how they apply our school values and it has been great to see Year 3 pupils already receiving values certificates and badges.

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term, then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help.

**Mrs Fisher** (3 Draco teacher/Year leader), **Mrs Ball** (3 Draco teacher) and **Miss Xygaki** (3 Lyra teacher)



### Core Subjects

#### English and Literacy

##### **Reading**

Pupils have opportunities to read a wide variety of books and text types, both in class and in the library. Please ensure your child reads to an adult at least three times a week and their Home Contact book is then signed. They will be given the opportunity to do a quiz after each book before they change it.

We will be doing regular discussion and comprehension work in class in order to develop these skills when working independently.

##### **Writing**

In Literacy, we will be reading and basing our work on *'The BFG'* and focussing on settings and description. We will also be looking at Shape poetry and creating our own poems using powerful language. After half-term, we will be reading *'The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish.'*

When children are able to write neatly in the school's style of joined handwriting, they will receive a pen licence and be given a pen to use. Please encourage your child to practise joining their letters correctly in order to receive a pen licence as soon as possible.

##### **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**

The children will be given a list of spellings to learn on Mondays and will then be tested the following Monday. These spellings will be appropriate for each pupil and linked to the rules children are expected to know in Year 3.

Please try to find time to help your child learn these words – 10 minutes 5 times per week is ideal.

## Maths and Numeracy

In Maths, we will be focussing on developing pupils' understanding of place value for numbers up to 1000; this will include the use of many practical resources. We will also be exploring the rules of addition and subtraction and learning new methods. The pupils will learn to apply what they learn to solving simple problems.

## Science

In Science, we will be learning about magnets and how they attract and repel. Next half-term, we will be finding out about Rocks and Soils.



## Foundation Subjects

### Topic (History and Geography)

We are currently studying the Stone Age to Iron Age periods and the children will enjoy finding out about woolly mammoths. We will compare our own lives to those of Stone Age children.

After half-term, in Geography, we will be finding out about Deserts.



### Art and Design Technology

This half-term, the children will be practising mixing paint colours and looking at Cezanne's still life pictures. They will then produce some detailed still-life sketches of their own. Next half-term, we will be making pop-up storybooks in DT.

**Computing:** In Computing, the children will learn how to produce simple documents using Microsoft Word. After half-term, we will be creating e-books.

**French:** This term, pupils will start by learning greetings and numbers and will learn colours later in the term.

**Music:** The children have enjoyed their Music lessons so far. This term they will be singing and learning to play glockenspiels. They will also be learning recorders at some point this year.

**Physical Education (PE) and Sport:** This term, Year 3 will be doing Football, Gymnastics and Netball.



**Religious Education:** Our first RE Week will take place at the end of September. This term we will be thinking about 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

This term, Year 3 will be discussing how we can be healthy and how we can stay safe.

## Homework

An alternate Maths and Literacy Homework task will be set each week on Tuesdays. This should be returned to school by the following Monday please.

These tasks are linked to work covered in class and your child should be able to complete them independently. However, please feel free to support them with this should they need it.

Homework should be completed in blue handwriting pen or pencil, whichever the pupil uses at school.

Weekly spellings are set on Mondays and tested the following Mondays.

Please listen to your child read a minimum of 3 times per week and sign their Home Contact book.

Please help your child to learn their times tables. This will be an ongoing activity throughout the year. By the end of Year 3, they should be confident in knowing and applying x2, x3, x4, x5, x8, x10 tables.

