



## The Curriculum at a Glance – Spring Term



### Year 3

Here are the subjects your child will be taught and some ways that you can help. You can discuss this information further by making an appointment with the class teacher.

#### **Key Subjects**

**Reading** – The children are assessed at the beginning of the year to establish their reading age and level. The children are then grouped accordingly for guided reading sessions and will have a reading book sent home every evening. Your child will be read with by either the class teacher during a guided reading session or the teaching assistant in class at least twice a week.

**Writing** – We encourage the children to develop a fluent handwriting style and are expected to be able to join their letters in a neat and legible way. The children will continue their phonic phases to support spelling and weekly spellings will be sent home for homework. There is also a national drive on grammar and the children will have weekly grammar lessons to support the writing process. Throughout the week they will be expected to produce different styles of writing across a range of subjects. They will also produce a piece of independent writing every other week in 'Big Write' which will be assessed by the teacher.

**Mathematics** – There will be a big focus on calculation and basic number skills in maths. The children will be taught how to use a range of mental and written strategies to add, subtract, divide and multiply numbers and apply this knowledge to solve problems and puzzles. Please ensure that your child continues to learn their times tables up to 12x12.

**PE** – We will cover a range of indoor and outdoor sports developing the children's core skills; spatial awareness, balance, co-ordination, agility, endurance and fairness through gymnastics.

#### **How you can help -**

Read regularly with your child and discuss the book read. Help them with their times tables/ mental maths strategies

#### **Humanities**

**Geography** – Where on Earth are we and is climate cool?

**RE** – The children will learn about the five main religions of the world, with a main focus on Christianity.

**How you can help** - Visit local places of worship, museums or other places of interest to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them past and present. Research subjects being taught at school either by using the Internet or the library.

#### **Sciences**

**Science** – The children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills; observing, measuring, fair testing, recording and evaluating across a range of topics; which include magnets and springs and rocks and soils this term.

**Computing** – The children will develop a range of computing skills including; typing, coding and power point, as well as researching using the internet safely.

**D&T** – Our D.T projects will link to our work in English this term.

**How you can help** – Always be aware of what your child is doing on a computer and use adult filters. Encourage them to research topics or make a PowerPoint about what they are studying. If you have time to please try to visit museums, nature reserves or other places of scientific interest to encourage the children to look at science in the world around them.

#### **Arts**

**Art** – We will be linking our Art topics creatively to our topics. For example, we will be looking at, sketching, shade and tone in a variety of mediums.

**Music** – We will be looking at a range of different types of music from around the world and developing the children's musical skills; timing, pitch and tone. Some children will also attend peripatetic music lessons and the school orchestra outside of class time to develop their skills further.

**How you can help** – Encourage your children to be creative at home. If they have a special talent encourage them to share it with us at school.

#### **Other Information**

**PE Information** – Please have your PE Kit in school at all times..

**Homework Information-** Homework is set on Friday. Please try to bring it back by the following Wednesday. Reading is also very important and should take place every evening for at least ten minutes. We may also set work on Bug Club, Purple Mash and Mathletics

**School Trips/Visits** - A letter will be sent out regarding educational trips nearer the time.