



Year 3 Spring 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

From the Year 3 Teachers

Dear Parents and Carers

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

After a busy end to the Autumn term, with an excellent Christmas production and parties, Year 3 staff are looking forward to the new term ahead and building on the great start the children have made in the Junior school. We hope that the information below will help you to share in your child's learning and we would like to thank you for your support as they continue to work hard at home in learning their spellings and x tables and developing their reading skills. We look forward to welcoming you all to our class assemblies in the next few weeks.

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 and Mrs Ball (3 Draco teachers) and Mr Ferry (3 Lyra teacher)

Wednesday 23 January	3 Lyra Class Assembly 9:00am
Thursday 31 January	Choir concert at O2 Arena
Wednesday 30 January	3 Draco Class Assembly 9:00am
Friday 1 March	Year 3 Swimming starts
Friday 22 March	Non-uniform day in exchange for donation of gifts suitable for adult female
Thursday 7 March	World book day (dress as a book character)
Friday 8 March	Year 3-5 reports
Wednesday 13 March	Parents' evening
Thursday 14 March	Science week: am - Year 3 activity, parents/carers invited.



Core Subjects

English and Literacy

Reading

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home and to read a variety of texts. Discussing what they have read is a great way to help them develop their comprehension skills. In school, they will be reading a range of texts across the curriculum. Each class also has a Reading Corner where the pupils are encouraged to relax and read, thinking about which types of books they enjoy the most. Some of our Literacy this term will be based around the book 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris van Allsburg.

Writing

This term the children will be writing adventure stories, instructions and formal letters. They will also be looking at the styles of different children's authors and reading a variety of their texts.



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

This term's spellings will be based on words which have the suffixes *-y*, *-ful*, *-er*, *-est*, *-ly*, *-able* and *-tion*. We will also be covering homophones and contractions, in addition to words from the Year 3/4 statutory lists.

Grammar will include conjunctions, prepositions, possessive apostrophes (singular), inverted commas and commas.

Maths and Numeracy

In Maths, children will continue to deepen their knowledge of multiplication and division. They will also use their number skills to learn about fractions, statistics, money and measuring length. We will continue to work at increasing the speed of mental calculations.



Science

Our first Science topic is called 'Animals including humans' and we will be finding out about skeletons, muscles and why our bodies need food and drink. We are looking forward to Science Week in the second half-term and will then cover a unit of work about plants.

Foundation Subjects

Topic (History and Geography)

This term we will be studying Geography. We will start the term by learning the names of some countries and cities in Europe and locating them on a map. The children will also develop their map skills and use the atlases to locate landmarks. Later on in the term, we will be finding out about where our food comes from.



Art and Design Technology

At the start of this term the children will be using clay to make wall plaques in Art. After half-term, they will design and make their own healthy smoothies in DT. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies, especially fruit.

Computing

The children will be completing units called 'We are publishers' and 'We are bloggers'.

French

In French, we will learn numbers, colours and the names of some food items.

Music

This term Year 3 will continue to develop their singing, recorders and rhythm skills with a visiting Music teacher.

Physical Education and Sport

The first half of the term, Year 3 will be improving their skills in Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Dance. After the half-term holiday, Year 3 will be going swimming every Friday; they should wear their PE kit and bring their swimming things with them. They will continue to have PE with a Sports coach on Wednesday afternoons but 3Lyra will no longer need to wear their kit on Tuesdays.



Religious Education

In the first RE Week this term, Year 3 will be looking at 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will look at some of the stories Jesus told and the values he taught. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions during a visit by the vicar of St Francis church- Rev N Grew. After half-term, we will be thinking about Easter.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We will be learning about Healthy Lifestyles and how to make informed choices to keep our bodies fit and well.

Homework

Homework is set on Tuesdays and is due back the following Monday. It will alternate between a Literacy and Numeracy task and is usually linked to what the children have covered in class.

Spellings are given on Mondays and will be tested the following Monday.

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and sign their Home Contact book.

Please support your child in learning the following x and ÷ tables: x2, x3, x4, x5, x8, x10. Thank you!

