

**Autumn 1**



# **Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter**

## **Welcome to Year 3!**

It has been wonderful to welcome all the new Year 3 children to Emerson Valley School. They have all settled in very well.

During the year we are looking forward to working closely with you. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or just to say hello. The best time to catch the teachers for a quick chat is after school.

### **The members of the Year 3 team are:**

Miss Thompson (Team Leader) 3JT

Miss Payne (Class Teacher) 3JP

Miss Murphy (Class Teacher) 3EM

Miss Roylance (Class Teacher) 3JR

Mrs Redding (HLTA)

Mrs Lumsden (LSA) Mrs Bedford (LSA)

Mrs Goodyear (LSA) Mrs Herrington (LSA)

## **The Curriculum**

### English

In English children will learn the how to describe a character using adjectives. They will read the story 'Captain Flinn and the Dinosaur Pirates' and learn some of the features of a narrative. The children will then use their knowledge of description to write about shark pirates. For the next unit the children will be looking at explanatory texts. They will use extracts from the text 'Until I Met Dudley' to learn the features. The children will then make some changes to the text as they write their own version.

### Maths

In maths children will learn to sort, order and compare numbers up to 1000. They will work with equipment and visual aids to increase their understanding of place value. They will learn a range of mental strategies to add and subtract numbers, before moving on to the formal written methods.

### Other Curriculum Subjects.

In science the children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will plan and carry out a range of practical experiments, including investigating friction and finding out about the different poles on a magnet.

In geography the children will be learning about earthquakes, including why these occur, the Richter scale and the effects of earthquakes

In R.E the children will be learning how different religions use symbols.

In computing the children will be learning how to keep themselves safe on the internet by using the SMART rules. Then they will move on to improving their typing skills.

In art the children will be learning a range of sketching techniques before applying these to drawing facial features. Finally, they will create a portrait.

This half term in music we will be studying a piece of music by Kelly Andrew to help develop our listening skills as well as using body percussion to create our own soundscapes.

In P.E the children will learn the skills to play handball and football.

### Reading

At Emerson Valley the children with a comprehensive knowledge of phonics are permitted to choose any book they like from the carefully selected quality books in the classroom. The children are responsible for changing their book themselves and time in the school day is set aside for this. The children who need support to improve their phonic knowledge in order to read fluently, will be given books linked to the sounds they are learning.

Please take the time to hear your child read 5 times a week.

### Spellings and Phonics

The children will take part in either phonic or spelling sessions each week. Spelling sessions will cover a range of different spelling patterns and rules. Phonic sessions will take place daily for those children who need it.

### Homework

Your children will soon receive their homework menu which can be found in their reading record book. Each half term the children will be given 9 homework tasks to pick from. The English and maths tasks are set on Mirodo (log in details are in the reading record books). Please encourage your child to complete one task each week.

### Things to remember

P.E is on Tuesdays and Fridays and the children come to school in their kits.

Name everything

Long hair should be tied back and any earrings should be studs or small hoops.