

Spring 2



# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

## Welcome back to Year 3!

Welcome back to another half term. We were once again impressed with the homework which was completed last half term and especially enjoyed hearing about the fun children had exploring the different sculptures around MK.



## The Curriculum

### English

In English, the children will start the term by writing portal stories based on the picture book Journey by Aaron Becker. As part of this, they will focus on extending their sentences using conjunctions and fronted adverbials and learn how to correctly punctuate direct speech. They will then move on to how to layout and write instructions.

### Maths

In maths we will begin our Fractions unit. As part of this, the children will learn to recognise the numerator and denominator of unit and non-unit fractions and apply this knowledge to compare and order different fractions. They will then move on to Mass and Capacity where they will be looking at how to measure and read scales using kg, g, l and ml.

### Other Curriculum Subjects.

In Geography our topic is The Sunshine State where the children will be building on their locational and place knowledge by learning about North America with a focus on the state of Florida. As part of the topic the children will be using atlases and world maps to locate countries and learn to read the symbols and key on a map to plan a route around The Magic Kingdom.

In DT we will be learning about where our food comes from and then evaluating different ingredients and learning chopping, grating and spreading skills so that we can make our own healthy sandwiches.

In R.E the children will be focusing on Easter and thinking about the question 'What is good about Good Friday?'

In Computing they will be learning about spreadsheets.

In Music the children will be using tuned percussion instruments to create pieces of music.

### Dates to remember:

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas on this day.

We are looking forward to discussing your child's achievements and progress at the Parent Consultations which are on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Reading

The children have the opportunity to change their book every morning. Please take the time to help develop your child's reading fluency by hearing them read 5 times a week and make a note in their reading record book.

### Times tables

Knowing their times tables fluently will help your child in many different areas of mathematics. By the end of Year 3 children are expected to know off by heart their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables. All the children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars where they can practice these.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/17857> Their login is the same as the one they use for Purple Mash.

### Homework

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 their reading record book). Please encourage your child to complete one task each week. In the final week of the half-term they can bring in any of the curriculum tasks to share.

### Things to remember

- P.E is on Tuesdays and Fridays and the children come to school in their kits.
- Long hair should be tied back and any earrings should be studs or small hoops.