

**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      Mrs Heatley (LSA)  
Miss Payne (Class Teacher) 3JP      Mrs Slade (LSA) Mrs Price (LSA)  
Miss Murphy (Class Teacher) 3EM      Mrs Cole (LSA) Mrs Brookes (LSA)  
Miss Roylance (Class Teacher) 3JR

## **The Curriculum**

### English

In English children will be looking at the story 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. They will be focussing on using high quality vocabulary to write a range of different sentences linked to the story. Once the children have been taught a range of skills, they will complete some independent writing. After this the children will be completing work linked to 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

### 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 about Hinduism.

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 draw flowers. Finally, they will create an abstract piece of art based on part of a painting by Georgia O'Keefe.

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 basketball and football.

In PSHE, the children will be exploring the unit of 'Being me in my World'.

### 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 phonics 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 will be 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 please!

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