

Spring 2



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 3!

We hope you all had a fun and relaxing half term break. We have lots of exciting things coming up in the next few weeks. Firstly, we are looking forward to our annual Book Week where Year 3 will be focusing on the story Space Tortoise by David Litchfield. On World Book Day itself, Thursday 6th March, children can also come to school dressed as an adjective that describes their own personality. Following this, we have British Science Week from the 10th of March where we will be taking part in activities around this year's theme which is 'Change and Adapt'.

The Curriculum

English

In English, the children will begin the term by writing an adventure narrative based on the short animation 'Marshmallows' by Kylee Poole. They will then move on to writing explanation texts inspired by 'How a Robot Dog Works'.

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. This will also link in with our **PSHE** for this half term which is 'Healthy Me'.

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

In **Computing** the children will be learning how to create and enter data into spreadsheets.

In **Music** the children will be warming up their voices by learning to sing songs from musicals.

In **PE** the children will be learning the skills to play Tag Rugby.

In **Spanish** we will be learning how to say the names of different colours and shapes.

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.

Reading

The children have the opportunity to change their book every morning. Please take the time to hear your child read 5 times a week and make a note in their reading record book.

Spellings and Phonics

Some children have been identified as needing extra phonics sessions and these take place daily. All other children have spelling lessons in class and are expected to be learning the words on the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spelling List. These can be found in the middle of their reading record.

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.

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