

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 3 – Spring Term 1 2024

English

We will start the term looking at classic poetry. The key text that we will be studying will have a link to our theme of magic, as will many of the supporting texts that we look at in our guided reading session. The children will be putting themselves in the place of a character and writing a diary of their day.

Your child will also take part in reading activities daily and we will spend time sharing reading logs.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include...

- Recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- Writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division facts that they know, including for two digit numbers times one digit numbers using both mental and formal written methods
- Solving problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division
- Measuring using mm, cm and m
- Finding equivalent lengths using different units of measurement
- Comparing, adding and subtracting length
- Measuring and calculating perimeters

Our daily mental maths sessions this half term will include:

- Times tables practise in a variety of ways.
- Revision of previous learning.
- Making connections.

Magic Kingdom

Other Information

PE Kits – PE will be outside and your child will need to wear suitable PE kit including trainers. Please ensure PE kits are in school every day.

Suggestions to help your child at home.....

Times Tables – We are now working hard on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables in school. Do not forget about TT Rockstars!

Telling Time – We would really like you to work on telling the time from an analogue clock. Any extra practise would be very useful for the children to gain confidence.

Reading – Please continue to read with your child regularly and ask them questions about what they have read. Your child should fill in their reading journal every day so they can get their badges and collect memories of what they have read.

Home learning – We have really enjoyed looking at the home learning completed during the Autumn term and look forward to seeing the exciting things from Spring term too. Please use your home learning to record all your hard work. You could use photos, draw pictures or write about it.

Spellings – Please remind your child to access their assignments on Spelling Shed. Their logins can be found on their reading journal. They can also play fun games!

Geography- This enquiry is designed to enable pupils to gain an understanding of the physical and human geographical features of a region in North America. They will begin to compare and contrast this with characteristics of a region of the United Kingdom. It begins by focusing on aspects of leisure and tourism with which pupils may be familiar with both in the United Kingdom and overseas. The objective is to take the pupils beyond their experiences and introduce them to different aspects of Florida's physical and human geography.

Our learning during this unit will include....

PSHE – We will be learning about families including how families care for and look after each other. We will also look at how families share celebrations and interests. We will continue to learn some skills from Trick Box to help us manage our emotions, make confident, mindful decisions and develop a positive mindset.

Science - This term, we will be learning about forces and magnets. This will include learning about friction, the poles of a magnet and how they respond to each other. The children will be asked to investigate how these forces could help magicians with their tricks.

Computing - We will be working on a unit called 'Branching Databases' which involves creating databases to sort information. The children will learn about real life applications of databases.

PE – We have some special PE coaches from Ageas Bowl to teach PE once a week. The focus will be cricket. We will also be completing sport awareness where we will learn the skills to play Goal Ball.

RE -The children will have opportunities to discuss changes that they have experienced and the feelings associated with these. They will also learn about the changes that Guru Nanak experienced and implemented and consider the importance of these for Sikhs.

Art – In art, we will be learning how to sculpt using clay and will make a coil pot.

Spanish – The children will continue to embed autumn term's vocabulary as well as learning to talk about where they live.

Music – Our focus will be on pitch and texture. We will be learning and singing the Chinese Lantern song. The children will find out about the pentatonic scale and use percussion instruments to accompany the song.