

Planning and Assessment Time

Every Monday afternoon, Mrs Burn and Miss Bunce will work out of the classroom; this is their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA). During this time, the children will be taught a range of subjects from the curriculum by Mrs Donaldson. Mrs Cox will also work with the children on a wide variety of Forest School activities which will take place in our environmental area.

Useful Websites

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/egypt/>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

Google 'Hit the button maths' to find an excellent website for practising times tables and number bonds.

Please check our school website regularly - <http://www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk/>

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Monday 2nd October - Parent Workshop 'What is bullying?'
- Friday 6th October & Friday 3rd November - Parent Workshop 'E-Safety'
- Tuesday 10th October - Pupil Photographs
- Wednesday 11th - Thursday 12th October - Edinburgh Visit
- Thursday 19th October - Nasal Vaccinations
- Thursday 19th October - Autumn Disco
- **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term**
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November - Parent Consultations
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- Wednesday 29th November - Pantomime visit to Theatre Royal
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 20th December - Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December - Grand prize raffle draw
- **Friday 22nd December - End of term**



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 3 Team.

Curriculum Overview



Year 3



autumn Term



English Overview



Through our Literacy and Language Programme, we will be exploring stories with a science fiction theme through the story 'A Tale of Two Robots'. The children will be encouraged to develop empathetic responses to characters and situations and write their own science fiction stories. Our non-fiction work will focus on discussion texts, fact and opinion. In the second half term, we will focus on the language features of an explanation text. Our poetry unit will encourage the children to explore word play and unusual imagery through reading tongue twisters, riddles and nonsense poems. The children will also be given the opportunity to perform poetry in a dramatic way.

The teaching of grammar will be covered through the above units with Spelling and Handwriting being taught discretely.



Maths Overview



In Maths, the children will be developing their knowledge of place value; they will learn how to compare and order numbers to 1000 as well as learning how to find 10 and 100 more or less than a given number. The children will also develop strategies for adding and subtracting mentally before progressing to written methods of 3 digit numbers. The children will be taught to estimate the answer to a calculation and then check it using the inverse. As well as this, they will be learning to recall multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables before applying these to written calculations. Throughout all aspects of Maths, children will be applying their knowledge through problem solving and reasoning. Some areas of Maths will also be taught creatively through our topic.



Topic Overview



Our topic this term is 'The Awesome Egyptians!' The children will use maps and atlases to locate Egypt, think about what the weather is like in modern day Egypt, as well as develop their understanding of what Egypt was like many years ago. We will work together to research and find out about key people and events from this ancient civilisation. In Art, the children will have the opportunity to use modelling clay to create their own cartouche and will also use a variety of materials to create an Egyptian necklace. In Computing, the children will develop their understanding of how to stay safe online. In Science, we will learn how to keep plants healthy and the children will take care of their own plant. In the second half term, we will investigate sources of light and how light travels. As part of our Religious Education syllabus, we will learn about the key beliefs and practices of the Islamic faith.

Supporting Your Child at Home



The support you give your child at home is **invaluable** and really appreciated by the staff. Please encourage your child to complete the following homework each week:

- Reading - at least 15 minutes every day (This should be completed with an adult at least three times a week and the Reading Diary signed by parents / carers.)
- Spelling and Times Tables - these will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please ensure you practise regularly with your children at home, you may even want to test them.
- Creative Homework - this will be given out half termly for your children to choose which tasks they will complete to gain their 15 points. We look forward to seeing how imaginative and creative you can be!

Special Requests



Please ensure that your child has a P.E. Kit in school everyday; although P.E. lessons will normally take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, sometimes this can change. At this time of year children should be wearing shorts and t-shirts, however when the weather turns cold they will be asked to bring a tracksuit to wear for P.E.

We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day, therefore it would be beneficial for your child to bring a water bottle to school every day.

Please encourage your children to visit the Library or go on the internet to research information about the topics we are covering in class.

School Links



- The Road Safety Team from Gateshead Council will be coming into school every Friday for six weeks to deliver a Child Pedestrian Training Scheme. The first and last sessions will be classroom based and the other sessions will be by the roads near school. Therefore could you please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing for the weather.
- We will be visiting Durham University Oriental Museum to support our Awesome Egyptians topic - further information will follow soon.
- Nick the Chef from Cooking 4 Life will be coming into school to create some Egyptian cuisines with the children as part of our Egyptian Day. We would love Parents/Carers to join us later on in the afternoon to sample a few of our Egyptian delights as well as find out what we have learnt during our topic. Further details to follow.