



How to Help at Home



- Reading - your child should be reading at least 15 minutes every night, to be recorded in their reading diary. Parents and carers should sign this diary at least once a week but the children can also record in their diaries too.
- Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Monday for a quiz the following Monday.
- Forest School - Year 3 will be doing Forest School on a Thursday. They will be provided with an all-in-one water proof. Please provide your children with **wellies**.
- Water bottles - your child should have a bottle in school on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday. Cups are provided if your child has forgotten their bottle but preferably should have a bottle of their own.
- Creative homework - this has been given out for this half term and the progress check dates are on the sheet. Remember - you need to earn at least 15 points in a half term. We love to see you achieving more!
- No jewellery except a watch. Earrings **must be taken out** before school to avoid any injuries.
- PE kit - should be in school every day. PE days will usually be Tuesdays and Thursdays but these may change occasionally.



Dates for the Diary



- Thursday 13th September - Road Safety first visit. Then on subsequent Thursdays until half term.
- Thursday 19th September - Y3 Parent Workshop - Meet the Teacher
- Thursday 26th September - European Languages Day
- Friday 27th September - Macmillan coffee morning
- Friday 27th September - Creative homework lunch club
- 7th - 11th October - Artsmark Celebration Week
- Wednesday 9th October - Autumn Disco
- Monday 14th October - School Photo Day
- Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October - Parents Evenings
- **MONDAY 21st - FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER: HALF TERM**
- Monday 11th - Friday 15th November: Anti-bullying week
- Friday 15th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 25th November - Occasional day. School closed.
- Tuesday 26th November- Pantomime Visit to Theatre Royal
- Friday 13th December - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 17th December - Whole School Christmas Service at St Nicholas' (children only)
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Grand Raffle morning
- Wednesday 18th December - LKS2 Christmas Party
- **FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER - END OF TERM**



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cowan, Mrs McLean, Mrs Donaldson or Mrs Rippon.

Curriculum Overview



Year 3



AUTUMN TERM



Welcome



A huge welcome back to you all! We can't wait to get started in Year 3 and are looking forward to the exciting events and activities we have planned. Please don't hesitate to catch a member of the Year 3 team if you have any questions!



English Overview



Through our Literacy and Language Programme, we will be exploring how mood can be conveyed through story setting descriptions. Our non-fiction work will focus on discussion texts, fact and opinion as well as writing non-chronological reports about mythical and mysterious creatures. Our poetry unit will encourage the children to explore word play and personification through reading a variety of different poems including tongue twisters, riddles and nonsense poems, resulting in the production of a shape poem based around something children are familiar with. Later in the term we will be considering exaggerated and persuasive language used in advertising to convince readers to eat something they might normally avoid - sprouts! The teaching of grammar, including inverted commas (speech marks) and the use of 'a' or 'an' will be covered through the above units whilst spelling, handwriting and reading will be taught discretely.



Maths Overview



We will be continuing to develop our mastery approach to maths this term, whereby your child will have opportunities to learn new skills, build on previously learnt skills and apply these to a wide range of situations. A large focus to begin with will be your child's understanding of place value (hundreds, tens and ones) with numbers up to 1000 and how they can represent these in different ways. Your child will be comparing these numbers and explaining their reasoning. Later, we will move to calculation of these numbers, using both number lines and column addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to multiply and divide by 3, 4 and 8 and will also be completing TT Rockstars at the beginning of each lesson. Your child will have a login to access this at home. We look forward to seeing their times table knowledge develop.



Science Overview



This term, we will be developing our scientific skills through investigating forces. We will start by looking at what a force is, before moving on to find out about different forces and how they impact on our lives. Later on in the term, we will be learning about rocks and fossils and how these are formed. Throughout both units, we will continue to build our scientific skills by making predictions, completing investigations, collecting evidence and reporting findings.



Our Curriculum



RE: We will be building on our existing knowledge of Christianity and will further develop our knowledge by looking at significant stories for Christians.

History/Geography: During the first half term, we will be taking a journey *waaay way* back to the times of Ancient Egypt for our history work. Through our enquiry question 'Who built the pyramids?' we will be building our skills of: using a timeline and dates to talk about the passing of time; using artefacts to find out about the lives of everyday people and comparing it to our own lives as well as looking at different sources and representations of the past. After half term, we will embark on our geography-based 'River Deep, Mountain High' topic. We will be learning to use maps to identify rivers and mountains and how the presence of hills and rivers affects human life.

Art / Music / DT: We will be looking at self-portraits initially, building up our drawing and observation skills, using different pencil grades to achieve different effects then looking at the work of Frida Kahlo to develop different styles. Our design and technology work will be food technology with a focus on seasonal food and creating recipes. As always, we will be singing on a daily basis in school as well as developing our knowledge and skills around different music skills, including playing tuned instruments like the xylophone.

Computing: To begin with, we will be revisiting the all-important subject of e-safety and what this means for us and the way we use the internet. We will then learn some keyboard and typing skills and the use of graphs to present data.

PE: This term we will be focusing on outdoor and adventurous activities such as orienteering. Our children are also lucky enough to be taking part in a yoga programme this term, focusing on flexibility and balance.

French: Mrs Donaldson will be teaching French to year 3. She will be focusing initially on saying our name and age in French. We will also be looking at key French landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower. Later in the term, we will be learning our colours in French.

Forest School: This term, your child will be taking part in Forest School with Mrs Cox on Thursday afternoons. They will be using our Environmental Area each week to explore the environment and participate in team-building activities.



Out and About



The Road Safety Team from Gateshead Council will be coming into school every Thursday 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.