

Over the next term, Year 3 will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks.

History: We will be finding out about the early humans from the **Stone Age to the Iron Age**.

- Seeking out and analysing a wide range of evidence to justify claims about the past.
- Describing characteristic features of the past.
- Identifying periods of rapid change in history and contrast them with times of relatively little change.
- Using dates and terms accurately in describing events.

DT: We will be finding out about **Food Glorious Food**. This will involve learning about healthy and varied diets. The children will produce a healthy snack using chopping, peeling and grating techniques.

Science: This term we will be exploring two topics 'Light' and 'Animals Including Humans'. Our children will be encouraged to investigate and follow lines of enquiry in order to acquire scientific knowledge and build upon and extend their prior knowledge and understanding.

RE: Children will be learning about Special stages of life in the **Christian, Islam and Sikh religions**.

Music: Throughout our music lessons, children will be learning to read musical notation, sing, play the recorder and perform as part of a group.

Class 3

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Numeracy: This term children will be developing our understanding of number (counting, ordering, comparing and partitioning), the four operations, geometry and statistics. There will be a particular focus on mental maths (arithmetic) and formal written calculations and applying these skills to reason and solve problems in real life contexts. Our times table focus will be **x3, x4 and x8**. At home and in school, the children will be able to access the **TimesTable Rockstars** website. A login and password will be provided to each child. If possible, children should be directed to the site to support their learning.

Literacy: This term, the children will be exploring '**The Happy Prince**' by Oscar Wilde. They will use this as a basis to write their own fairytales and expand and develop their understanding of sentence construction, punctuation and vocabulary. Our class shared reader will be '**E.S.P**' by Dick King-Smith

PE: Children will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday. This term we will be focusing on **Invasion Games**. **Please ensure full kit is in school every day as PE forms a part of the school curriculum.** Long hair should be tied back. Remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. **ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.**

PSHE: Our focus this term is on **new beginnings**. We will also be learning about **Rights, Responsibilities and British Values** through our lessons and assemblies. The class charity we will be learning about and supporting is **Helping Harry help Others**.

Computing: Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to coding, multimedia presentations and safe internet searches this term. Children will be reminded of safe internet use. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to computers.

Geography: Our focus this term will be **Town Mouse, Country Mouse**. The children will use maps to locate and name the countries and cities within the United Kingdom.

Art: This term we will focus on **Sketch It!** This will involve improving our sketching and drawing techniques. We will also look at **Make Your Mark** where the children will produce a piece of art using printing.

Homework

Every Friday children will be given a mental maths test to complete at home. This needs to be handed in by the following **Tuesday**. If the children struggle with any questions, they can ask for help in school. Please try to encourage your child to hand in homework as early as possible in order for homework to be marked and returned so that children can correct any errors and misconceptions can be addressed.

In addition to this, children need to be secure in their times tables for **x2, x3, x4 and x8 tables** and the corresponding division facts. Children need to be secure in rapid mental recall of all times tables as it forms the basis of all maths. The current class 3 will be the first pupils to complete the statutory online times table test when they are in Year 4 in 2020.

Literacy: Every 2nd Friday children will be issued with 7 Super Sentences. It is their responsibility to learn the key spellings and punctuation of these sentences. They will be tested for two consecutive Fridays and they must better their score the second time. Children will have the sentences read aloud to them and will be expected to get the grammar, punctuation and spelling of each one accurate. The Spelling, Reading and Poetry Recitation Challenge also forms part of the children's homework.

Reading at Home: We would like reading books and diaries in school **every Friday** and would expect that your child read at home daily. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books. Newspapers, comics, the internet, television guides and games rules are all texts too! It is your child's responsibility to request a reading book change. Reading is an important skill which also enhance children's writing and imagination.

Poetry recital: Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem's content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—which improves their writing!

Thank you for your
support Mr Smith and
Mrs Patel