

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

Geography: We will be learning about how Dudley and the local area has changed over time in our topic '**Time Travellers**'.

History: Throughout our '**Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**' topic, we will be finding out about **Castles**. Our focus will be about why castles were built, what people's lives were like inside and how they were attacked and defended.

Art and Design: During our '**Can you 3D it?**' unit, we will experiment and create sculptures using different media. In our topic '**Different Strokes**' we will be learning how to mix paint and create different effects. We will also explore the work of other artists.

Computing: We will be learning how to use search engines and find information in our topic: '**To protect and surf**'. We will use programmes such as Google Chrome and Internet Explorer to help us research. E-safety will be embedded in all our computing work; please do the same at home if your child has access to electronic devices.

Design and Technology: We will focus on **levers and linkages** in '**Marvellous Mechanisms**'. This will involve producing a product that involves moving parts using levers and linkages.

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Literacy: This term Class 3 will learn the features of writing for different genres using stimulus such as the royal wedding! They will also be reading '**The Happy Prince**' by Jane Ray. From this lovely story, the children will learn to use a range of writing techniques and sentence types to produce their very own fairy tale.

Numeracy: We will be covering a range of skills in Numeracy including: statistics, fractions, measure, shape and the four operations. Please encourage children to learn their times tables, and use the mental maths tests and times table clubs that are sent home each week to improve their scores! At home and in school, the children will be able to access the **TimesTable Rockstars** website

(<https://ttrockstars.com/login>) using a login and password. If possible, children should be directed to the site to support their learning. Rapid mental recall of times tables forms the basis of all maths.

Science: This half term we will be exploring a new topic, 'Plants'. Our children will be encouraged to investigate and follow lines of enquiry in order to acquire knowledge and build on and extend their skills of predicting, observing, classifying and conducting fair tests.

PSHE: Our focus this term is on **Good To Be Me** and **Relationships**. We will also be learning about **Rights, Responsibilities and British Values** through our class assemblies and whole school assemblies.

RE: We will look at the **Founders and Special Books** of Christianity, Sikhism and Islam.

Music: We will continue to learn the recorder and focus on singing both in a group and in a round.

PE: The children will focus on **Athletics** and **Striking and Fielding**. Please ensure that all earrings are taken out on these days and left at home.

French: The children will look at naming household objects and animals in French as well as being able to describe where these objects are.

Homework

Every Friday children will be given a mental maths test or a reading comprehension 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, x5, x10, 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.

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: Children have 10 poems to learn by heart throughout their time in Year 3. They must be able to recite each 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
Williams.