



Curriculum Report to Parents and Carers of Gold and Ruby Class

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Kate Calderbank (Gold Class) and Gloria Tofi (Ruby Class) would like to welcome you and your child back to the new academic year. It has been great getting to know the children and we look forward to a great year ahead.

Here is an overview of the curriculum planned for this term and any additional targets that you and your child can work on together.



In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the Maths Mastery scheme of work. This term, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, graphs, problem solving and multiplication and division in a range of contexts. Please encourage and help your child at home by practising their times tables (2s, 3s, 5s, 10s) and recalling number facts, including number bonds, halving and doubling. There are also many online interactive games, such as J2 Blast and Hit the Button, which are useful for encouraging children to practise maths skills.

In **English**, we will be exploring a variety of genres over the term, which we often link to our Topic work. The children will be given opportunities to write poems, stories, instructions, non-chronological reports and letters. We will be paying close attention to sentence structure and the use of punctuation. We will also focus on spelling and grammar skills throughout the lessons each week and continue to work through the Year 3 Read, Write, Ink Spelling books. We will also continue to develop continuous cursive handwriting, so please encourage your child to practise this handwriting at home.



Children should be spending at least 20 minutes reading every evening and keeping a running record of books they read in their Reading Records. Children will also be given a weekly spelling and times tables test every **Wednesday**, so please arrange time to practise these.

Our topic in **Science** is 'Animals including Humans'. We will look at the human skeleton, the function of bones and muscles, animal groups and diets and how to stay fit and healthy.



In **History**, we will be learning about life in Prehistoric Britain (Stone Age to Iron Age). This engaging topic introduces children to life in the past and they enjoy learning how early humans lived. Please encourage your children to discuss these experiences at home and engage in any extra research.



Over the year, and especially in October, which is Black History Month, we will be looking at people who have influenced the lives of others as part of our work on Black History. This year, Year 3 will learn about the Notting Hill Carnival.

In **Religious Education**, we will be focusing on Christianity. Through discussions, we will compare different faiths and talk about similarities across different religions. This term, we will be discussing the question: 'Why is Jesus important to Christians?'



In **Art**, we will be working with Lucia (Artist in Residence). The children will create self portraits and then we will focus on our Notting Hill Carnival topic.

In **Design and Technology**, we will look at linkages and levers and make a moving poster. We will also cook a dish for the Harvest Festival, focusing on the preparation of food and seasonality.



In **Computing**, we will be following the Islington Computing scheme of work. This term, the children will focus on Digital Literacy and online safety.

In **PSHE**, we will be talking about strengths and challenges this term. These lessons form a vital part of our 'mental health and emotional wellbeing' topic and any further discussions at home around this are beneficial.



Children will also be working with Bahia in our weekly **French** lessons. This term they begin with greetings, numbers and instruments.



P.E will take place on **Wednesday** for **Ruby** and **Monday for Gold**. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for P.E. lessons. They should be wearing joggers/leggings and trainers.



Our **Music** focus is around singing and listening. After the half term, the children will be working with Juwon.

Attendance and punctuality are very important. Please ensure that your child attends school on time. All children should be lined up in the playground by 9am. If your child is unable to come to school, please phone the school office as soon as possible.

We look forward to having an exciting, enjoyable and educational term. We welcome your support in any way to achieve this. Thank you for your support so far and please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

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