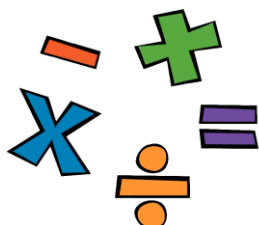


Year 3 Curriculum Report

Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to an exciting and busy second term. 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 in our daily maths lessons. The areas of focus this term will be **multiplication and division, telling the time and fractions**. Please encourage and help your child at home by practising their times tables and any multiplication and division strategies that we have been learning in school. In both classes, we will continue to have a weekly times table test and will begin to learn the 6x and 8x tables.



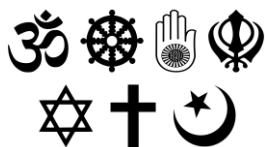
In English, we will be studying various writing genres, including story and diary writing, newspaper reports and non-fiction reports this term. Through a cross-curricular approach, we will be linking the writing outcomes to our topics, for example writing a diary entry as a Roman soldier. We will also continue to work on grammar, spelling and punctuation through our Read, Write, Ink spelling scheme. Please also encourage your child to continue to practise cursive handwriting. Please remind your child that their PATCH folder should be taken home every day so that they can spend at least 20 minutes reading every evening. Children will be given a weekly spelling test every Wednesday, so please arrange time to practise these during the week.



Our topic for history this term is **Roman Britain**. We will look at the Roman army, the Roman invasion on Britain, why the Romans invaded Britain and Boudicca's rebellion. This is an engaging topic, which the children enjoy, so please encourage your child to discuss these experiences at home and engage in any extra research by visiting local libraries and museums.



In Science, our topics this half term is **Light and Forces**. We will be looking at sources of light, reflection, shadows and translucent, transparent and opaque materials. We will explore magnets, gravity, friction. Using scientific enquiry, the children will have opportunities to hypothesise, experiment and draw conclusions through practical activities.



In Religious Education lessons, we will explore the question: **"Why do people pray?"** with a focus on Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. Through discussions, children will be given the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of beliefs, festivals, religious stories and what prayer tells us about religious people's ways of life.



This term P.E will be on Tuesdays with coaches from Elms. This term, we will be working on tennis skills. On Wednesday afternoon, the children have been given the opportunity for 6 PE sessions which will be led by Arsenal coaches. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for PE or they will not be able to participate. They must be wearing tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers.



In Music, children will be taking part in weekly drumming lessons with Norris. Children will learn how to play Djembe drums and Norris will incorporate our Romans topic into his teaching. They will learn songs, chants and rhythms inspired by the Roman army and their invasion of Britain.



In Computing, the children will be learning about databases and will continue to develop their coding skills. We will also be looking at how linkages and levers enable objects to move in Design and Technology.



The children will also continue to learn French with Bahia this term. They will be learning the numbers to thirty, the days of the week and the months of the year. They will also be learning greetings, conversational questions and how to respond.

We will continue to set homework from the English and Maths homework books each week, unless otherwise stated. Homework is given out every Thursday. Please make sure that your child completes their homework over the weekend and brings it in on Tuesday. We encourage all children to log into TTRocks to practice their times tables, which we will be monitoring. Children have their login details.

Please also look at the Espresso website (www.discoveryeducation.co.uk) which has a wealth of resources aligned to the curriculum and topics covered in Year 3, including quizzes, videos and activities.

We look forward to having an exciting, enjoyable and educational term and welcome your support in any way to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any queries about your child or their progress.

Yours faithfully,

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