

Spring term 2023 in Class 3

This is the road map for the upcoming term in Class 3, with an overview of what we will cover in each topic. Please see the back of this sheet for general class information.

Geography/History: Ancient Greece

Our study will include life and culture in Ancient Greece, and make comparisons between some key city states. For Geography, we will look at the main landscape, climate and geographical features of Greece.

We will also research key individuals from this time and discover the Ancient Greeks' influence on the western world.

Maths

We will spend most of the term ensuring the children have a secure understanding of the operations for and relationships between multiplication and division. We will spend this half term focusing on rapid recall - for Year 3, this will be the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, while Year 4 will be learning all facts up to and including 12 x 12.

After half term, we will be learning formal written methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers.

Computing

Online safety is at the heart of all ICT lessons. The children are also going to practise their typing skills: gaining familiarity with the keyboard and using programmes that encourage them to touch type. There will also be opportunities in class to access learning on Google Classroom and use docs or slides to present their work.

PHSE: Living in the wider world; Money matters

The children will consider what it means to be part of a wider community and both the shared and different experiences we may have. They will be encouraged to reflect on their own and others' achievements, plus the qualities they value in those around them. We will then move onto looking at different jobs and skills; setting personal goals; making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe.

PE

This term will cover gymnastics, invasion games, and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities - orienteering).

English

We have some exciting writing units coming up this term! We have already started looking at Ancient Greek myths, linking with our History topic and previous learning of fairy tales and fables.

We will also use the *Atlas of Adventures* text as a springboard for creating our own persuasive travel leaflets, with a focus on Spain.

After half term, we will explore an alternative style of fairy tale and have a go at writing our own riddles.

Guided reading will continue to be taught in discrete whole class lessons, with a different style of text as the focus each week.

Science: States of Matter

We will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases, plus the effect of different temperatures on various substances. Then, the children will be able to apply their learning to understanding condensation, evaporation and the process of the water cycle.

RE: Easter

In the lead up to Easter, we will revisit the story of Good Friday and think about some of the challenges people face belonging to a faith community.

We will also compare contemporary examples from other world faiths.

Art & Design / D&T

Our focus in art is to develop sketching skills, including using light and shadow and exploring how to add tone and texture to our drawings.

For D&T, we will use different materials to create structures linked to our topic and writing. We will also explore Spanish food.

Spanish

We will continue to review and build on our existing vocabulary knowledge, including presenting information about ourselves, plus learning about animals, dates, colours and shapes.

Music

Over the next two weeks we will be rehearsing diligently for Young Voices! The children will then continue to develop their singing and playing, composing and transcribing, and listening and analysing skills.

Reading

Phonics

Spelling

Collective Worship

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Class 3 notes:

Wishing you a very Happy New Year; I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a well-deserved rest! Thank you so much for the generous gifts and lovely cards we received at the end of last term. We are incredibly grateful for your support and touched by your kindness.

The children have already made a wonderful start to the term, and have come back keen and ready to hit the ground running!

Homework:

Homework will continue to be a series of tasks linked to our learning. Please complete one task each week in any order that suits you/your schedule. The homework books will be handed out on a Friday and completed work should be handed back by the following Thursday in order to be marked and returned.

Times Tables:

A reminder: Year 4 have the Multiplication Tables Check next term, which requires them to quickly recall all times tables facts up to, and including, 12 x 12. The majority of our maths learning this term will be based around fact recall and also using their times tables knowledge to divide and tackle column multiplication equations.

If your child has any top tips, rhymes or songs that have helped them learn any sticky facts, do encourage them to share this with us all!

P.E.:

P.E. this half term is still **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Children can come into school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. If they are doing any clubs on other days that require kits or different clothes, they will need to bring their uniform and school shoes to change into.

As always, please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns, or leave a message with the office. Thank you for all your continued support, and to the children for their wonderful approaches to school life!

With best wishes,

Miss Wheeler and Miss Hennessey