



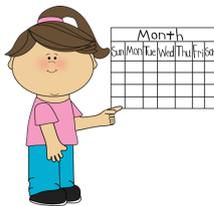
Autumn 2016

Welcome to Year 3

Hello everyone and welcome to the beginning of a fantastic year of learning in Year 3. Last year was a positive year in terms of the school progressing into the future and we aim to continue this in the coming year. This news-letter is the ideal place to provide parents with useful dates and helpful reminders as well as provide an outline of what we are going to be studying over the coming term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival	14.10.2016
Parents meeting	18.10.2106
Inset Day	21.10.16
Half Term	w/c 24.10.16
Children in need	18.11.2016
Road safety week	w/c 20.11.16-
Christmas Jumper day and lunch	16.12.2016
End of Autumn term	21.12.2106



Reminders

School Day: Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. Teachers will be outside at 8:45 ready to escort the children into class in order to ensure a prompt start for 8:50. Every morning begins with a reading session; if your child is consistently late, they will miss out on this vital learning opportunity.

Uniform: Children must come to school wearing the correct uniform. Only black, flat shoes are allowed, plain black trainers or plimsolls are acceptable. The correct PE kit must also be worn for PE and Games lessons (Montem Blue T-shirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms) Children will no longer be allowed to wear designer sports wear. If you child wears a headscarf please ensure that it is plain black, white or navy.

Jewellery: Children should not wear any jewellery to school. Only small studs, a watch and items of religious importance are permitted.

Homework: It is very important that we work together so that your child can consolidate their skills at home. Please ensure that you encourage and support your child with their homework and hear them read every day. Once your child has read please ensure that their reading record is signed. Your child's book will not be changed otherwise. The passport project was a huge success last year and we are looking forward to continuing it this year.

Meet the Year 3 Team

3 ELDER



Mrs Jahangir - Year Leader

3 MAGNOLIA



Mrs Mangat - Vice Principal

3 OLIVE



Miss Gannon

3 WILLOW



Miss Ahmed

Miss Ahmed
Pupil Premium

Mrs Smith



Mrs Rosen



Mrs Gupta



Ms Hill

CURRICULUM COVERAGE– KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

English

In our Literacy sessions this term, we will be developing the children's skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. They will be exposed to a range of narrative texts, becoming familiar with a model before making changes to it and writing their own versions.

How you can help at home:

- ** Hearing the children read daily and asking them questions about the book.
- ** Supporting them whilst they learn their spelling words.
- ** Encourage them to retell some of their favourite stories. You could even create actions.



Art

Children will be exploring various mediums and techniques. They will have the opportunity to enhance the skills required for sketching and be encouraged to think creatively.



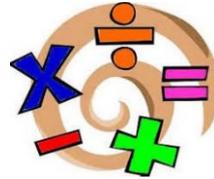
Spanish

This year children will have the opportunity to continue Spanish where they will be learning basic conversational phrases. They will be learning colours and numbers in Spanish.



Mathematics

In Year 3 we will be following Singapore Maths .



Our key focuses are:

- ** Number and place value
- ** Addition and subtraction
- ** Multiplication and division
- ** solving word problems
- ** Measurement

How you can help at home:

- ** Encourage children to use their number skills in everyday life e.g. during a trip to the supermarket.
- ** Visit :

www.nnparenttoolkit.org.uk

For lots of ideas about Maths at home and the new curriculum

Computing

In their computing lessons, children will often work in our specialist ICT suite. They will be focusing on:

- ** Using technology
- ** Using the internet
- ** Communicating and collaborating online.
- ** Creating and publishing
- ** Digital media
- ** Using data
- ** Programming and control

Science

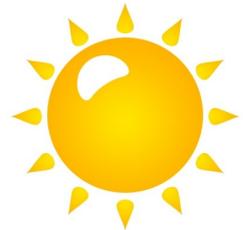
In Science this term, we shall be studying two topics. This half term, the focus will be *Amazing Bodies*. In this unit, children will:



- ** Learn more about the human body and what animals need for a healthy lifestyle.

** After half term, we will be studying

Light. The children will learn about different sources of light, how it travels and investigating how shadows are formed.



History/ Geography

Our History topic this term is the

Celts. Children will learn about the Celtic way of life and how Queen Boudicca fought the Roman army to defend her tribe.



In the second half of the Autumn term we will be looking at Human and Physical features around the UK. The children will also have the opportunity to work on their map skills.

The first unit this term is The Earth and Beyond. Children will be amazed at the wonder of the universe, and study the works of early astronomers, finding out about their leaning journey of discovery. They will be able to explain the relationship between the earth, sun, moon and other planets and the connection to day and night and the seasons.

During the second half term we will be studying Forces all around us.

Key Questions:

- 1: How can we measure forces?
- 2: Why does an object fall?
- 3: What makes things move?
- 4: How can we slow down falling objects?
- 5: Does the shape of an object affect its movement in a liquid?
- 6: Do all heavy things sink?