



Curriculum News

Spring 1 - Year 3

English:

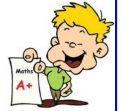
Year 3 will be reading and studying the books 'Heart in a Bottle' and 'Iron Man'. We will focus on adjectives, sentence openers, similes, different punctuation and figurative language to help us understand how the authors made the stories interesting to read.

To help your child's progress in English, we encourage you to support him/her with their spellings and handwriting. This will greatly improve their confidence and range of vocabulary.



Maths:

This term we will carry on developing understanding of place value, including numbers up to 1000. We will be developing the children's skills using formal and informal methods for the four operations; identifying fractions of shapes and numbers; identifying and classifying 2D and 3D shapes and exploring their symmetry; producing and reading a variety of data and charts; using and applying basic knowledge to solve problems; suggesting sensible units to measure weight and telling the time and solving problems involving duration. Encourage your child to practise their times tables at least three times a week.



Reading:

The children will be looking at a range of text types throughout their daily guided reading lessons.

Reading is a vital part of children's learning as it not only supports their writing but also encourages their imagination.

Topic:

Our topic for this term is '**Robots**'. Year 3 will be reading books about this topic and researching robotics in Computing. Year 3 will also be designing their own robots.

In **Science** we will be looking at Plants which links with our school trip to Kew Gardens. We will be identifying and describing functions of parts of flowering plants and exploring life cycles. We will also explore life and growth of plants and how water is transported.

In **P.E** we are learning to improve our skills in different sports. P.E. is on **Thursday and Friday afternoon**. Please could your child bring in their P.E. kit for Thursday and take it home on Friday. If you have any questions as to the correct uniform please do not hesitate to ask.

SEAL/PSHCE:

In our lessons we will be discussing the theme 'Going for Goals'.

Computing:

We are practising using a range of software such as Powerpoint and Word. We will also be learning how to navigate through the computer using the pupil drives, office documents, internet and conducting internet searches. As always, we will have a heavy focus on e-safety.

Homework: Please ensure your child is reading with an adult every night. Multiplication booklets will be sent home with children so they can practise their times tables for weekly tests. We will occasionally send home spellings as well.

If you have any questions about your child's learning please feel free to discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 22nd January – Year 4 Trip to Tate Modern

Tuesday 23rd January – Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 1st February – Reception Maths parent workshop

Tuesday 6th February – Maths parent coffee morning (for all year groups)

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February –
Half Term

Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March –
Reading Week

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Monday 5th – Friday 9th March –
Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 7th March – Year 3 Trip to
Natural History Museum

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March –
Science Week