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### **Year 3 Curriculum**

Autumn Term 1, 2020-2021

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome from the Year 3 team! We hope you've had a lovely summer holiday. It has been a very strange year and there are, as you are all aware, challenges ahead. However, I am excited to teach the class and am sure that this year will be full of opportunities for your child to develop in maturity and independence.

Making sure your child progresses through the curriculum whilst also maintaining steady emotional wellbeing is very important and this will be a focus through the Autumn term. I will be teaching through an exciting topic-based curriculum, which should stimulate discussion and questioning at home and school. Any gaps in learning will be addressed through recap sessions which will be at the beginning of new learning and discrete lessons where necessary. Ms Hancock will also be supporting us this throughout the year. Key skills that have been missed will be taught through the new topics as much as possible.

Please find outlined below the plans for this half term and some information about this coming year.

#### **Important Information**

Please make sure your child has a water bottle - the drinking fountain is out of action.  
Please make sure that you keep your child at home if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19.  
This will lessen the spread to the rest of the class.

#### **Communication**

Communication is more difficult at the moment. We will endeavour to update our class learning page as often as possible so that parents can see what is happening in class. Please also use the text service for general enquiries and I can answer you. For more complex questions please request a phone call via text or the office and I will phone as soon as I can.

#### **Homework**

Spelling and comprehension homework will be issued on Fridays, due to be handed in by the following Wednesday for testing on the Thursday. Children should use the 'Look, Write, Cover and Check' strategy to learn their spellings.

Mathletics and homework sheets will be used to supplement Numeracy learning in class. Homework will be issued on Fridays for Wednesdays. If your child is unable to access Mathletics at home, he/she can come into class at lunchtime to complete their assigned homework.

A variety of homework from different subject areas will also be issued throughout the year. At times, your child may be asked to undertake personal research in line with their current topic.

### Online Homework

We are trialling Google Classroom in class this term and once the children get used to using Google Suite, we will set homework online after October half term.

### PE

PE Kits should be worn into school on Wednesdays and the children can wear them all day. PE kit consists of white t shirt, navy shorts socks and plain trainers. In the colder months, navy tracksuits can be worn for outside activities (but please still remember to pack shorts just in case the lesson is indoors.)

This term, Smokie will be coaching the children on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

### Swimming

Year 3 will not have swimming this term because the pool is not yet opened for lessons. We will give further details as soon as the pools reopen and our swimming lessons are able to start up.



### RE

This term our focus is 'The Christian Family' where children will learn about the family of the church and the signs and symbols of the Sacrament of Baptism.



### English

English takes place in class every day. This includes spelling, punctuation, grammar reading, writing and handwriting. Our class texts this term are 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. This will be the source for our writing tasks which will include a diary entry, a poem (volcano personification poem) and a non-fiction writing piece (non-chronological report). Children will be heard reading by a member of staff once a week. We encourage children to read aloud at least 20 minutes at home every night. Please discuss the text with your child, as this will help with their understanding. Both you and your child can write comments in the reading record. Children are also encouraged to look up words in a dictionary to find the meanings of new words. This will help increase their range of vocabulary. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and record to school every day.



### Maths

- Place Value  
Find 10 or 100 more than/ less than a given number  
Recognise the place value of each digit in a three digit number (HTO)  
Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and words  
Partition numbers in different ways  
Rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred  
Compare and order numbers up to 1000  
Count from 0 in multiples of 50 and 100  
Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas
- Number - addition and subtraction  
  
Add and subtract mentally (focussing on place value)  
Add and subtract using formal column methods (exchanging and carrying)  
Solve missing number problems

Please help and encourage your child to learn their times tables, related division facts and to tell the time on a regular basis. This will be really beneficial to their numeracy skills and help them to grow in confidence in Maths and tackle 'real life' words problems. Next year, your child will be expected to sit the new timetables test.

### Computing

This term our focus will be online safety.

### Music

Lessons with school music teacher Mrs Simon will commence after this half term. Details regarding music lessons will be given to you at a later date.

### PSHE

- Circle time to discuss behavioural, social and emotional issues
- Worry Box

### Spanish

Year 3 will begin Spanish lessons this year which will take place every Wednesday.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I hope Year 3 will be a very enjoyable and rewarding year for you and your child.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms Rebelo and Ms Anna