

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Year, 3 parents/carers,

### Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

#### Message from the teachers

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The year 3 team are all looking forward to a successful and fresh start to the new spring term. This term we will be looking forward to becoming fish keepers. We will have a fish tank in Willow's classroom where students will get a chance to test the water, feed the fish and watch them grow. Some new things to look forward to is our new buddying reading system, where Year six will be reading with the Year three children. We will also introduce 'Show and Tell' sessions where your child will be able to stand in front of the class and talk about something they have done or bring in an item that is important to them and talk about it. This is to help the children build confidence and self-esteem.

#### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

#### Year 3 Staffing

Willow class teachers: Mrs Parker and Miss Morse

Iroko class teacher Miss Rosenthal

Year 3 learning support assistants: Mrs Crewe-Devein and Mrs Hensley

#### Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

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#### Homework

Homework is, along with answers, emailed to parents every Monday.

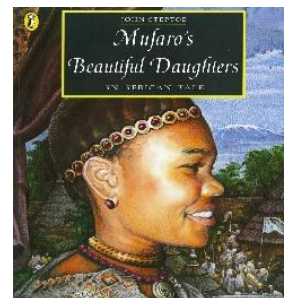
Please remember that reading books will be sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday.

#### Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area:

##### English

Year 3 will be using a variety of texts this half term in English focusing on Folk tales. We will be reading the book 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter' a traditional African Tale. In our shared reading unit we will be reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

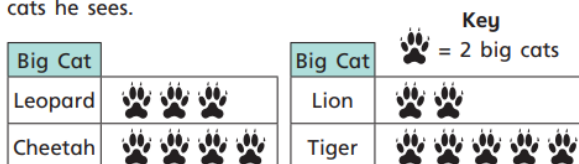


##### Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 3 will be continuing their work on multiplication and division to solve calculations and word problems using manipulatives and concrete resources. We will then look at money and statistics, which includes pictograms and bar charts.

An example of a pictogram is:

At the zoo, Mo keeps a record of how many big cats he sees.



How many lions are there?

How many more tigers than leopards are there?

## Science

The year 3 science unit this term is 'Can you see me?'. The children will learn about how we see objects, the ways in which different objects reflect different amounts of light and how these ideas can be applied to staying safe at night. They will explore what causes a shadow, as well as how the shape and size of a shadow can be affected by its position. They will learn how exposure to sunlight can cause harm, and about ways by which they can protect themselves. The children will also carry out some investigations to test materials such as sunglasses and materials to reduce/block out light, and develop their skills with respect to the working scientifically strand of the curriculum.



## History

In this unit, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they may have studied in the autumn term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.

## Art and Design

In Art this half term, we will investigate the formal elements of art. The children will be exploring shape and tone using their drawing skills and other forms of media. They will be identifying shapes in everyday objects, using shapes as guidelines to draw accurately from observation, and creating forms and shape using wire and shading from light to dark

## Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 3 this half term we will cover are Skip to the beat & Groovy Gymnastics indoors and Brilliant Ball Skills & Gym fit outside. We will do this through playing a wide range of games, sports and practising drills, which will help them learn and master these physical movement skills.

Our PE days are:

Outdoor PE Tuesday

Indoor PE Thursday

## French

The year 3 French unit this half term is focusing on playground games. The children will learn vocabulary to enable them to give and follow instructions. The children will also learn to count in French from one to twelve, recognise the written number words, ask how old someone is and answer the same question, comparing sentence structures in French and English, and practising all the vocabulary by playing counting and some traditional French games.

## Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be asking the questions: Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Dreams and goals' is this term's PSHE unit, where the children will look at specific goals they want to achieve.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Parker, Miss Morse and Miss Rosenthal