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Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (1st half)

Message from the teachers

Welcome to Year 3! We are all so excited to begin what is sure to be a very memorable journey for you as you join the Junior school. There is so much to look forward to this year such as starting a new adventure in year 3 and all the exciting learning ahead. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons your child can look forward to during the first half term.

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 Mrs Hooson-Jones

Iroko class teachers: Miss Morse and Miss Mayling

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

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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Parent partnership is very important to us, so we have planned a year 3 parent tea/coffee morning in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 14th September where you will be able to meet the year 3 staff and talk to them about the year ahead. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the Friday of the same week.

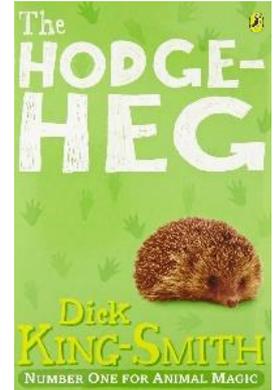
We will be assessing the children's reading ages this week and home reading books, at the appropriate reading level, will be sent home every Monday, starting on Monday 12th September. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

Autumn Term Learning

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

English

Year 3 will be reading *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith in English this term, a story linked to road safety. We will create 'Warning Tale' stories based on this, where characters are given a warning to avoid a similar danger. Later this half term, we will use the same text to create an instruction text that helps readers to follow road rules.



Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 3 will be consolidating their knowledge of place value up to 1000. Then, we will be using addition and subtraction to solve calculations and word problems using manipulatives and concrete resources. An example of the type of word problems is:

10 more than my number is the same as 100 less than 320

What is my number?

Explain how you know.

Write your own similar problem to describe the original number.

Science

The year 3 science unit this term is titled 'Rock Detectives.' The focus of this unit is on properties of rocks and soils: how rocks change overtime, how they turn into different types of soils and how fossils are formed. We will carry out a number of investigations to develop our questioning skills and understanding.

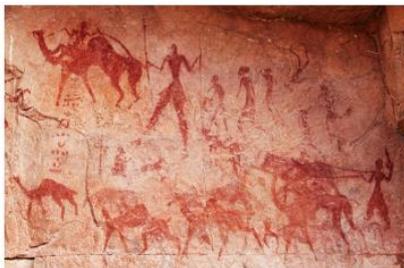
History

'Local history' is the title for the year 3 history unit this half term. Year 3 will be exploring the history of Harefield, which will include a walk around the local area looking at places of historical interest and value.



Art and Design

In art this term, Year 3 will be developing their drawing skills which they will then use to allow them to investigate different mediums to help them create a cave painting.



Images from 'Cueva de las Manos'

Physical Education

P.E. will be taking place in Year 3 for both classes on Wednesdays. Willow class children will also have another PE lesson on Mondays. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. The two P.E. units in year 3 this half term will include physical movement, balance, core strength and eye co-ordination, in a variety of ways. During indoor PE they will develop their fitness level, stamina and mobility.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Monday afternoon for Iroko Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

The year 3 French unit this half term is 'Getting to know you.' The children will learn vocabulary to have basic conversations with each other, including 'hello', 'goodbye', 'my name is' and 'how are you.'

Religious Education

Year 3 will be learning about the Islamic religion. They will explore what it means to belong to a certain type of community and learn about the different ceremonies and values important in the Islamic religion.



Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Tuesday to teach Year 3 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the recorder.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Being Me' is the first PSHE unit, where the children will look forward to the year ahead and make appropriate goals that they would like to achieve and consider the obstacles that may concern them. They will then be introduced to the universal rights of the child and use these discussions to contribute to the creation of a whole class charter.

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, Mrs Hooson-Jones and Miss Mayling
Year 3 teachers