

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

We are all so excited to continue our learning in year 3 after half term as we approach the end of the 2022. There is so much to look forward to this half term including our visit from pedestrian training and getting ready for our Christmas concert. 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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Homework

Each child will now receive a printed copy of the homework every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

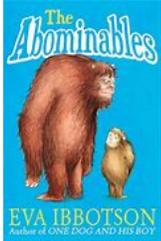
We have also subscribed to [Bug Club](#) online reading and [Mathletics](#) online maths activities.

Pupils require their own log ins for these websites. Please contact the school office if you need to be reminded what your child's log in details are.

We will be sending new reading books home every Monday. 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 Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson in English this half term, a story linked to going on a journey. We will create journey stories based on this, where characters face a variety of people or challenges, and they travel. Later this half term, we will use the same text to create a diary recount.

Are the statements about sharing or grouping?

Teddy puts pencils into pots.
He has 25 pencils and puts
5 pencils in each pot.

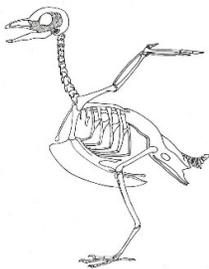
Filip has 15 books.
He gives each of his friends
an equal number of books.

Annie has 12 sweets.
She puts the same number
of sweets in each party bag.

Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 3 will be consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction. Then, we will be working on multiplication and division. to solve calculations and word problems using manipulatives, concrete resources, and reasoning. An example of the type of reasoning problems is:

Explain your reasoning.



Science

The year 3 science unit this term is titled 'Amazing Bodies'. Children will build on their knowledge of the human body developed in Key Stage 1. They will revisit the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food and will extend this knowledge to understand that the food we eat provides us with the nutrition that our bodies require. They will also learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement

Geography

We will be studying Coasts by comparing different areas of the United Kingdom with coastlines around the world. We look at the different activities that happen here and will have the chance to sample fish and chips.

Design and Technology

In design and technology this half term, Year 3 will be looking at structures and constructing a castle. They will start by looking at the features of a castle, creating their design, constructing nets and structures to enable them to build a castle. Nearer the time we will be asking for junk materials.



Physical Education

P.E. will be taking place in Year 3 for both classes on Wednesdays. Iroko 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.

Forest School

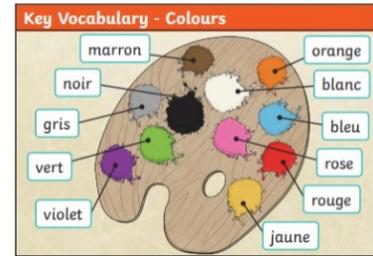
Forest School will be taking place each Monday afternoon for Willow Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

The year 3 French unit this half term is 'All about me.' The children will learn vocabulary for the classroom instructions, my body, actions, colours, and clothes

Religious Education

Year 3 will be learning about the Nativity story. The children will work creatively finding out how the Nativity story began, the journey undertaken, where Jesus was born, why the visitors who came after the birth and how baby Jesus' life was at risk. They will finish by looking at the different parts of the Nativity story to decide what they feel is the most significant part of the story for Christians today.



Music

Our specialist music teacher, Mr Lynch, will be in school every Tuesday to teach Year 3 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the recorder.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Celebrating Difference' is the next PSHE unit. We talk about how everyone is different, include others when working and playing, know how to help if someone is being bullied, try to solve problems, try to use kind words and know how to give and receive compliments.

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs Parker, Miss Morse, Mrs Hooson-Jones and Miss Mayling
Year 3 teachers