

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Year, 3 parents/carers,

Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Spring (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

There's lots to look forward to after half term. We are looking forward to book week and seeing which characters you all dress up as on Thursday 2nd March.

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 Clarke, Mrs Crewe-Devein and Mrs Eyre

Communication

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

Homework including spellings will be sent home every Friday and is due back in the following Friday.

A HJS banded reading book will sent home every Monday and should be returned by the following Monday.

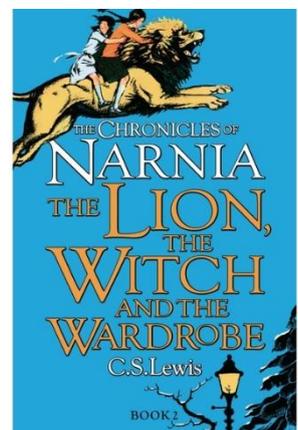
Spring Term Learning

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

English

Year 3 will be using a variety of texts next half term in English, including the book 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. To begin with we will be writing a losing tale based on losing an important item linked to the text 'The Disappearance'.

We will then be creating an explanation text linked to the idea of travelling to a unique destination.



Mathematics

In maths next 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.

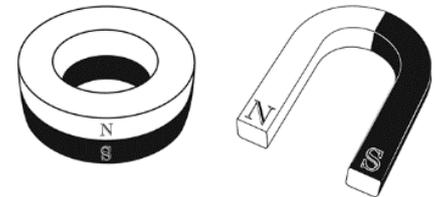


How many lions are there?

How many more tigers than leopards are there?

Science

The year 3 science unit next half term is The Power of Forces. We will explore how forces can make objects start to move, speed up, slow down or change direction. Children will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will identify that magnets attract some materials and not others and that these are known as magnetic materials. They will learn that some metals, but not all, are magnetic and that all nonmetals are non-magnetic.



Geography

Next half term in Geography lessons we will be thinking about why the climate is important. The children will be introduced to different ways of communicating geographical information, particularly through different styles of maps. They will learn to read weather and climate maps, and learn how weather and climate are generalised into world climate zones. The concept of biomes will be explored, each with distinctive climate, soil, flora, fauna and human activity.

Design and Technology

Next half term, we will be looking at mechanical systems and investigating pneumatic toys. We will be learning how pneumatic systems work, and that they can be used as part of a mechanism.

Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 3 next half term are Dodgeball indoors and net and wall games 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.

Both Year 3 classes have PE on Mondays. Iroko class also has PE on Wednesdays.

Forest School

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

French

The Year 3 French unit next half term is about family and friends. The children will learn the French for different family members and pets. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.



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Religious Education

In RE next half term, we will be asking the question 'What is good about Good Friday?'. Children will look at the key aspects of the Easter story focus on the good within the Easter story by looking at the words of Jesus and the actions of people, and the idea of hope and new life Easter brings.

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

'Healthy Me' is next half term's PSHE unit, where the children will look at how to keep our bodies fit and healthy and how to keep ourselves safe. We will also discuss how to spot and maintain healthy friendships.

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs Parker and Miss Morse
Year 3 teachers