

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

YEAR 3

AUTUMN TERM 2 (2018)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find below the units that your child will be learning this half term.

English

- **Writing**
This year Writing and History has been combined to create a cross curricular link. Children will be exploring a range of narrative skills to help them write their own short stories.
- **Reading**
We will be reading the text 'Vacation Under the Volcano' by Mary Pope Osborne. This book correlates with both the Writing and the History topic the children will be covering throughout this unit. A few of the skills the children will be exposed to this term are:
 - Unpicking a range of non-fiction texts
 - Inferring
 - Comparing and contrasting
 - Retrieval

Maths

- **Number**
Focusing on calculations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, word problems and measurement
- **Calculations** – Children will be learning about the different strategies of all four operations and applying them to real life scenarios.
- Children will have ample exposure to **problem solving and reasoning challenges** throughout their maths lessons.

PE

Sports covered this term will be;
Football, Handball, Netball and Gymnastics

The pupils we be working on different ways in which to improve their overall Agility, Balance and Co-ordination skills throughout each sport.

The pupils will have an understanding of how each element is important to be successful when playing, participating in a game.

Science

Rocks and Fossils:

- To compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties
- To describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within the rock
- To recognize that soils are made from rocks and organic matter

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Key Question: Does believing in God make a difference?

- To consider the reasons why people believe in God.
- Explore the impact that religious beliefs have on individuals of the same and different faiths.

Why do people celebrate festivals?

- Exploring the way different religions celebrate their own festivals

MFL - Arabic

This term year 3 will be covering the topic '**My Family**'. The objective is to provide children with the required tools to identify words relating to their family members, as well as being able to bring them into practice. The personal pronoun '**my**' will also be introduced. Pupils will make sentences using **demonstrative pronouns** which will include the masculine and feminine forms.

Additional Information

PE:

All children should have the school PE kit as this is part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. PE kits need to be bought in on Monday and remain in school on their peg for the week.

Homework:

- Homework will be given out on a **Friday** for it to be completed by the following **Tuesday**.
- Please ensure homework is completed by your child and you check through it together

Reading:

- Your child will bring a reading book home every night and should read for at least **20 minutes per day**. This is vital for their writing skills. **It is their responsibility to ensure they have a reading book**. We would appreciate it if you checked their book bags on a daily basis.

Trip – Thursday 13th December 2018 (Hounslow Theatre)

Parent's Evening – Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December 2018

Please encourage your child to set time every day to complete the homework as if it is left to do the night before, it can be overwhelming for your child to complete in one go.

We hope you find this information useful and that you are able to use it to support your child's learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 3 team,

Miss Sim (Year Leader), Ms Munir (3.3), Ms Nazneen (3.2)