



Nether Green Junior School

Y3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Y3

Y3 made an excellent start to their life at NGJS. We have all enjoyed learning about life in the Stone Age. The children really enjoyed their History Van immersive day. All the children have expanded their knowledge across the curriculum. For example, writing an adventure story about travelling back to the Stone Age.

Project theme for this half term

Project question What is the United Kingdom and where do I fit in?

This term we have a Geography project focusing on where the United Kingdom is and where we fit in. We will be learning about the difference between continents, countries and counties. We will be looking at local geography as well as the physical features that make up the United Kingdom, like coasts and mountains.

Science project: How do forces affect the world around us?

We will learn about magnetism and friction and will be taking part in some interesting investigations as well as ensuring there are lots of cross-curricular links, including opportunities to enjoy art and music. Some exciting lessons will include; testing magnetic objects and using different materials to test friction.

English

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to write a range of genres over the year. We base much of our writing around our projects as this gives the children a context for their writing and help them to produce their best.

Include:

We will write non-chronological reports, poetry and Winter stories

- Spag focus – we will continue to consolidate the childrens KS1 learning.
- Spelling themes ly adverbs and k sound spelt ch
- Reading
- The children will have a dedicated reading lesson each morning from 9:10am - 9:30am. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills.

Ways to support your child at home

Home learning work will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. A description of the task will be in each child's home learning book and in most cases, homework is to be completed in the homework book.

Other home learning tasks will include:

- Timestable Rockstar – logins have been sent home.
- Reading - the children will have a reading book that will come home every day. Please read with them and record in their reading record.
- Spelling revision – please help your child practise at home.

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y3JC Tuesday and Thursday

Y3BB – Wednesday and Thursday

Y3PW – Monday and Wednesday

Children need to have a school PE t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and trainers. This should be kept in school all term. They will need to have long hair tied back. All jewellery must be removed. Please ensure all PE kit is labelled.

Key dates:

Thursday 23rd November – Magna trip

Tuesday 28th November – Open classroom.

Wednesday 20th December – Winter festival.

Life skills

Our life skills this half-term focuses on the key question, 'What makes a family?' and 'How can we keep our friendships healthy?' Within this key question, we will explore:

- When should I say no?
- Who owns my body? I do!
- What makes a good friend?

Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term, we will be covering the following topics:

- Inverse operations (+ and -)
- Mental methods of multiplication and division
- Written methods of multiplication and division

We will make use of concrete resources to aid children's learning of these topics. We will focus on using lots of key vocabulary such as arrays, equal, multiples, sharing, grouping. commutative, partition, divide.

We will continue to embed the children's times tables in preparation for the Multiplication check in Y4.