



Y3 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1

Celebrating last half term We have enjoyed another successful half term and the children have worked really hard across the curriculum. We have enjoyed investigating forces during science and have learned all about the UK in our project 'What is the UK and how do I fit in it? The children also really enjoyed our Christmas celebrations, such as making winter decorations, letters to 'The Grinch' and performing in the Year group talent show.

We want to say a big well done to all the children for completing their first term in junior school. They should be very proud of themselves.

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y3JC	Y3BB	Y3PW
Thursday and Friday	Wednesday and Thursday	Tuesday 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.

Important dates: Y3 Production – February 8th

Project theme for this half term.

This term our project question is: How does light behave?

We will learn about sources of light, light reflection and how shadows are formed. The children get an opportunity to design their own product to protect themselves from the Sun - this links into our Life Skills work on how to look after ourselves. As part of the project we have planned a themed science day on different aspects of light.

This project also links with our end of term production which the children are currently working on. They will learn about the history of the theatre and aspects of theatre design and production such as costumes and advertising.

English

Our writing is linked to our project as this gives the children a context for their writing and helps them to produce their best.

This half term we will be looking at book reviews and writing play scripts.

We will be looking at subordinate clauses and conjunctions in our GPS sessions. The children will receive the spellings every two and will be taught the spelling rule in our English lessons.

Life skills

In our Life Skills work this half term, we will be focusing on;

- **How can we look after others and our environment?**
- **How do we make a happy school?**
- **Who lives in my neighbourhood?**
- **What makes a boy or a girl?**

Maths

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

- Multiplication and division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass Capacity

We will make use of concrete resources to aid children's learning of these topics. We will focus on using lots of key vocabulary. For example, our length and perimeter will focus on the metric units like cm.

We will continue to embed the children's times' tables in preparation for the Multiplication check in Y4. The focus will be the 3 and 6 times tables.

Ways to support your child at home

Home learning tasks will be included in each child's book.

Other useful home learning tasks include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision
- Talking to them about Life Skills lessons