



Curriculum letter

Year 3

Welcome back from the Christmas break! The children have settled back into school routines well and are excited to begin our new topics this term.

This term we will be covering two topics, first being 'The Road to El Dorado' and the second 'Down in the Jungle.'

Over the coming term we will be learning about:

Maths

Number and place value

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

Fractions and decimals

Measurement

Properties of shape

Graphs

Mental strategies and all multiplication tables

Investigations

English

Narrative - Fairy Tales

Non-Fiction - Biographies

Report writing

Letters

Poetry - Vocabulary building

Structure - Haiku, Tanka and Kennings

Weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and Grammar tasks.

Science

We will be studying light and shadow. Children will learn about different sources of light, its importance and how light affects shadows.

Followed by investigating the layers and ecosystems of rainforests.

Geography

This term in year 3 we will be learning about climate zones around the world, and how global location affects climate.

History

We will be exploring the Ancient Mayans; how their civilization developed over time, and eventually came to demise. We will examine and compare artifacts to discover how archeologists piece together discoveries from the past. This topic will also cover how society was organized, religion and beliefs and exploring art work and forms of communication.

Art/D.T

This term we will be looking at various Mayan artefacts to inspire art and DT. The children will be recreating Mayan masks with a range of collage techniques and materials.

Following this, in art children will study the works of famous forest art works by artists Rousseau and Gauguin. They will look at different artistic techniques to recreate their own.

Computing

This term in computing we will be learning about the use of various computer programs, including Windows Movie Maker and Powerpoint.

Music

Exploring rhythmic patterns and arrangements. Using percussion instruments and listening to music from around the world, to compose our own musical arrangements.

PE

Children will take part in a range of Athletic activities, and use aerobic exercise to beats and dance.

Homework

Homework will remain the same; given on a Thursday to be returned on the following Wednesday, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will also be given to the children on a Thursday and tested on the following Thursday. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

The homework will be marked in class with the children. This enables us to identify any misconceptions and give them a better understanding.

If there is a problem completing homework, please communicate this in your child's homework book/worksheet or speak directly to the class teacher.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day, for at least **30** minutes. We suggest helping your child develop a good understanding of what they are reading, by discussing it. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story. We also ask that you sign their reading record books regularly. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on.

PE is twice a week on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Can you make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for healthy exercise.

We hope this will inform you of your child's learning this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see your class teacher after school.

Mrs Frier
Fox Class Teacher

Mrs Gulch
Gorilla Class Teacher
