



Curriculum letter

Year 3

The new term has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well. Over the coming term we will be learning about:

Maths

Multiplication and division
Fraction
Measurement - time; length

English

Narrative - Setting and characters - descriptive writing
Non-Fiction - Present and write information text
Report writing
Persuasive letters

Vocabulary building and applying literary devices

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

We will be studying Extreme Earth topic. Learning about the layers of the Earth, tectonic plates, and, where volcanoes and earthquakes are most likely to happen on the world map. Pupils will describe how mountains can form into volcanoes. In addition to this, we will also study case studies of recent volcano eruptions, earthquakes and Tsunamis.

Art/D.T

In DT this term we will be cooking and preparing healthy food. Children will complete food diaries, discuss healthy eating habits and the importance of a balanced diet.

Computing

This term in computing, we will be learning internet research and communication skills. Later on in the term, we will learn to present information using features of PowerPoint.

Music

Exploring rhythmic patterns and arrangements. Using percussion instruments and listening to music from around the world.

PE

Children will take part in a range of sporting skills and begin to apply these skills to game scenarios.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Friday to be returned on the following Thursday, 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 Friday and tested on the following Friday. 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 on your child's 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 help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see your class teacher after school.

Miss Turner
Toucan Class Teacher

Mrs Saleh
Swan Class Teacher
