



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to Year 3 and your child's first year in Juniors. Although we have had a strange year so far, we hope you all had a lovely summer. This year, things may be slightly different due to COVID-19. Lots of our normal school routines have changed but the children's learning will always be our priority. We will be covering a recovery curriculum throughout this half term to ensure the children have not missed any learning opportunities in the past months. The topics we will be covering will be outlined further on during this letter.

The children are learning the importance of washing their hands and social distancing. We always wash our hands if we are entering or leaving the classroom. The children have their own labelled equipment in class which they are all learning to look after as we can no longer share these. Usually in this letter, we would outline our topics for the whole term but due to the uncertain nature of the world at the moment, we will only be outlining our topics for this half term. Homework will be slightly different this year but more on that in the homework section.

General Reminders

- PE is on Thursday morning for Year 3. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the day.
- Coats should be navy/black.

Curriculum

English

Our initial class text is 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. We will also be recapping some of the grammar rules covered in year 2 and conducting spelling tests with the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words.

Mathematics

To begin the year, we are starting with place value (counting numbers up to 1,000). We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children are expected to know their 2,3, 4,5,8 and 10 times tables and any help you can give your child in revising and revisiting their tables throughout the year would be greatly appreciated. Children will be expected to demonstrate this knowledge both orally and using written methods.

Science

We will begin by exploring 'How Plants Grow'. This will include investigating the different parts of a plant and how plants receive water. Children will be expected to plan and carry out experiments and record their findings both orally and in various written formats.

History

We are exploring Pre-Historic Britain and the changes which occurred from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will be expected to participate in discussions and observe maps in relation to this time period.

Geography

Key skills covered this term in our topic of 'Countries of the World' include identifying countries in Europe, North and South America and their major cities, as well as locating and describing key aspects of physical Geography including rivers, mountains, and climate zones.

RE

We have three RE topics for the Autumn term they are

Domestic church – family	Homes
Baptism/Confirmation – belonging	Promises
Christmas – loving	Visitors

We will also explore Judaism as a different faith during the Autumn term.

Art

We will be taking inspiration from our work in History and the Pre-Historic era using a variety of medium to record our observations and use these to help us review and revisit ideas.

Music

Children will be introduced to the works of famous composers. We will also be composing our own music, using a variety of instruments, focusing on specific moods or feeling.

Book change day:

Our in class book exchange day will be held on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** every week. At the moment, no books will be permitted to be brought into school from home nor can the school books be sent home to read. The children will have access to varieties of books in the classroom to read.

Spelling test day:

Spellings will be sent out on a Friday with homework. Please ensure the children are regularly practicing these spellings at home. **The test will be conducted on the following Friday.**

Homework:

Homework will be accessible through Google Classroom. Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and will be due in by the Wednesday of the following week. Homework will consist of weekly spellings, a piece of English and Maths homework. Children should also be reading daily at home for 15-20 minutes each night.

Mathletics and TTS Rockstars:

Mathletics and TTS Rockstar are great Maths resources to use at home. The logins for both websites were handed during lockdown for use. If you cannot find it, please email for your login information.

We are always available to discuss any questions or issues you may have, and are very much looking forward to working with you to ensure the children have an amazing experience in Year 3.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gifty and Mrs Inman