

Curriculum Overview

Term: Autumn 1
Topic: Active Planet

Year: 3

The Year 3 Team:

Miss F Blunt – 3FB
Mrs J O’Leary – 3JOL

Other adults working with us:

Miss E Hine
Mrs L Phillips

English/Literacy

In literacy this half term Year 3 will be studying a unit taken from the Literacy and Language scheme. They will be working with a short story called 'Sand Wizards' by Jon Blake. The story looks at overcoming loneliness and working in partnership with others. It also questions emotions and the use of setting description to depict mood. This unit looks at the use of verbs, adverbs and adjectives to add detailed description to their writing. It also explores the use of alternate scenarios by asking the children "What if not...?"

Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of the Literacy and Language programme. The children will read short texts in class that will directly link to their writing. The children will learn to pick out key features of particular texts as well as reading with increased expression. As well as this, the children will access accelerated reader within the school day to answer a quiz on their reading book. Please ensure they have read their book with an adult at least twice so they will be able to answer the questions confidently. At the end of every school day we read a shared story to model the enjoyment of reading, teaching the children how to read with expression.

Writing

This term the children will look at retelling a story in the past tense and writing their own alternate scenario stories. As part of their non-fiction unit, they will look at travel information booklets and create their own non-fiction texts using information.

Spelling

Over the course of Autumn 1 & 2, the children will be completing a Read, Write, Inc. spelling programme. This spelling programme will be take place daily and will look at spelling patterns, sounds, prefixes, suffixes, word families and homophones. Your child will receive weekly spellings in their home learning that is sent out on a Friday. The children will be tested on the following Friday. Spellings are suited to Year 3 children and follow particular spelling rules.

Children who attend Read Write Inc. will receive their own groups spellings and will have their spelling test on a Thursday.

Mathematics

We will be following the Primary Advantage Maths Programme (PAMP) to help embed the key skills that the children need to be lifelong, skilled mathematicians with a deep understanding of number. This term we will be focusing on several key areas;

Numbers to 1000 - ordering, comparing, more than and less than, patterns and place value.

Addition and Subtraction – mental problems, problem solving, word problems, counting on and back from a given number, adding 10 more to a number etc.

Multiplication and Division – Arrays and writing number sentences, problem solving, mental recall of times tables.

Measures – Comparing measures, measuring length.

Money – Addition and Subtraction of money, finding totals, finding change, finding half or double.

Time – estimating, read times, order times on an analogue clock and digital.

Science

Our topic for this term is Rocks. Pupils will learn to:

- Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties.
- Be able to describe how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.
- Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

PE

Each week both classes will have an indoor and outdoor P.E. session. During outdoor sessions pupils will be learning a range of invasion games and refining their passing, shooting and defending skills.

During indoor PE sessions, pupils will practise how to balance in a variety of ways.

Reminder: Please can you ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on a Monday and Thursday.

IPC

We will be studying the topic 'Active Planet' where the children will learn a range of skills from across the curriculum in particular;

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About how the Earth is formed
- What a volcano island is and where they are in the world
- What causes an earthquake
- How earthquakes can be measured

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- What makes buildings strong
- About protective clothing and equipment
- About how to put together a survival kit

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to use instruments to make sound pictures
- How to compose our own piece of music

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the devastation of Pompeii

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About hot and cold colours
- About using different materials and techniques to represent a volcano

Computing

This term children will learn about E-safety and how to log in.

School visits & community links

We will update you with further information in due course.

Home / School Partnership

Homework

(All homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday please)

- Each evening the children should read for at least 15 minutes. The children can also access books on 'The Reading Cloud' and can blog on 'My Book Blog'
- They should practise their times tables, and related division facts, 3 or 4 times a week.
- Teachers will give their group homework tasks to support the work done in class.
- The children will also be given a piece of homework based on the class work in Literacy or IPC.
- The children should learn their spellings words each week ready for the test on Friday

Extended Schools Activities/Clubs for Year

For further information about these clubs please contact the school office or review our website www.limeacademywatergall.london

Parent Support

Help: Supporting children in their learning involves creating a strong partnership between parents, children and teachers and maintaining it. If you feel that you can help the Year 3 team to better support your child please feel free to contact your class teacher anytime and we will be very happy to speak to you. In addition, the Year 3 team would be grateful for any ideas, suggestions, and resources or time that you are able to offer. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Skills/Opportunities:

- Adults who are willing to help out on school trips.
- Adults who are regularly able to volunteer to hear children read.

Please contact your class teacher or the school office if you would like further information
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