



YEAR GROUP 3 AUTUMN TERM 2020 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break. We look forward to an exciting Autumn Term. We will be starting our new knowledge based curriculum and we will be sending home the knowledge organisers that go alongside certain subjects.

Maths	During the term the children will be working on place value of 3 digit numbers including regrouping; counting on and back in ones, tens and hundreds; estimation, rounding, mental fluency including addition and subtraction; finding fact families, written addition and subtraction, problem solving, interpreting data, recognising angles, 2D shapes and perimeter. Throughout the year we be learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and will be tested on these at the end of each week.
English	To begin our term we will look at the story <i>Flotsam</i> which is a picture picture and later we are reading a book called 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert N Munsch. We will be learning to use descriptive language to describe a setting and character; to understand the feelings of characters and write diary entries; to write a set of instructions; write and perform poetry, identify morals in fables and write our own and create non-chronological reports.
Geography	In the second half of the term we will be doing a unit called Spatial Sense. This will build on childrens learning from year 2. It will include learning about an eight point compass; map work as well as learning about both human and physical features.
History	In the first half of term we will be learning all about pre-historic Britain going from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will learn to: place events on a timeline and learn about the lives of people in the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. Towards the end of the unit children will be able to compare life in each of these.
Science	In the first half term children will learn all about Light and Shadow they will be able to: identify light sources, explain how we need light to see, recognise how shadows are formed, recognise the dangers of the sun and much more! In the second half of term children will be learning all about Forces and Magnets. They will learn about: how things move on different surfaces, how magnetic forces act, how magnets attract and repel and find magnetic objects.
Art	In Art the children will be finding out about prehistoric cave paintings. They will be sketching and painting cave paintings from Lascaux (France). In the second half term the children will be completing a Design Project , this will involve creating a Storybook with moving mechanisms.
RE	In RE children will learn about Christianity and Islam. They will learn about the

	life of Muhammad and how this effects Muslims today. In the second half of term the children will explore how God can be described and the 99 beautiful names for Allah. They will then move on to explore the role of the Christmas Angels.
Computing	Children will learn Coding ,Online safety and Spreadsheets units from Purple Mash.
PE	The children will be doing dance and then we will be moving on to gymnastics. Our PE lesson will take place every Friday afternoon.

PE- Year 3 are timetabled to do PE on a **Friday. They should come to school wearing their PE kits.** This should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day, they also have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. Maths homework will be set each week and will be linked to the learning we are doing in class, this will be due each Friday also. A choice of homework will be set half-termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Year 3 Team