

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer 2 2021

WELCOME BACK YEAR 3

Welcome back after half term! We hope you had a great and very well-deserved break in the sunshine over the past week. We can't quite believe that this is the last half-term of Year 3! It's been a whirlwind year and we have a very busy final half term planned! Thanks for all of your brilliant support!

Best wishes,
The Year 3 team

3LS - Lydia Saunders

3LM - Laura McPherson

3CB - Christian Booth

3LW - Leanne Witchell

Geography

Our final topic of the year is 'Islands!' We are looking at different islands of the world, exploring geographical features, climates, habitats and cultures. We will look at artists associated with each island and use Design and Technology to create our very own islands! We will use maps and digital mapping to look at how islands can change, looking at both human and physical features. Finally, we will explore potential threats to the islands studied including climate change.

English

This term in English, we will begin by looking at 'The Promise.' written by Nicola Davis. This incredible picture book explores the power of nature. We will use the book to inspire descriptive writing, write in role and build up to creating our own books. We will then look at 'The Legend of Sally Jones' by Jacob Wegelius, a story about a Gorilla like no other! Inspired by the adventures she has, we'll be writing diary entries, alternative endings and chapters as well as creating 'messages in bottles.' Our final two weeks will include a poetry unit followed by some persuasive leaflets encouraging people to visit the islands that we create in our design and technology sessions.

Maths

We will continue to look at fractions for the first week of this term and will be finding fractions of amounts. We will then be looking at time where we will look at both analogue clocks (telling the time to the nearest minute) and the 24-hour clock. We will be finding and comparing durations and conclude the topic by problem solving within time. We will upload some time resources to Google Classroom in addition to the maths homework to support this. In Geometry, we'll look at turns and angles, lines and will investigate 2D and 3D shapes. We'll end the year with some practical work around mass and capacity.

Science

Our science topic is 'Living things and their Habitats' which will perfectly complement our geography work on Islands. We will incorporate some planting within the topic and conduct some experiments on what makes a good habitat. We will look at habitats on land and in the water. Perhaps at home you can support this learning by enjoying some David Attenborough documentaries!

Rough daily timetable:

9:10 - 9:30 Spelling/Times table practise

9:30 - 10:40 Maths

BREAK

11:00 - 11.30 Reading

11:30 - 12.30 English

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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Dates for the diary:

22nd and 23rd June - Bikeability

PE days: 3LS - Monday & Friday

3CB - Tuesday & Thursday

3LM - Wednesday and Friday (note the day change).

On PE days, PE kits must be worn to school, especially trainers. If trainers are forgotten 3 times in a row, your child will receive a detention. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather conditions that day. As the weather gets warmer, please remember to bring a sunhat/sun cream where necessary.