

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you are ready for the Spring Term after a lovely break. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

### The Year 3 Team

Phase Leader: Mr N Bate

Class 3P: Mr L Pardoe

Class 3MA: Mrs H Millar and Miss C Attwood

Names of other team members: Miss R Mills



### English

Our class books will be Blue Umbrella (narrative), The Gardener (animation) and Autumn is Here (poem). We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop fluency and comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres and the year 3 components through the 'lenses' of writing. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to awarding more handwriting pens. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record these in their home school planner.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on multiplication and division ( $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$ , and  $\times 10$  from year 2 and  $\times 3$ ,  $\times 4$  and  $\times 8$  up to 12), fractions, length and perimeter, mass and capacity. Please help your children to practice their times tables. They have access to Times Table Rockstars which is a fun way to learn. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands) to the nearest minute, compare it to digital times in the 12 hour (am/pm) and 24 hour clocks. Also expose them to coins and finding totals and change within £5.00. These are important every day life skills.

### Homework

Daily **reading** is expected. Your child will have a book to practise their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '[Our Learning > Year Group Page > Reading](#)'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. For books online please visit [Storytime Online](#). Children will also be expected to practise their **times tables** (1-12) on [Time Tables Rockstars](#) for a minimum of **25 minutes a week**. [Century Tech](#) online supports children with English, Maths and Science. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

### Science

During this term, we will be learning about Animals including humans – various nutritional needs and that skeletons and muscles are for support, protection and movement. Children will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills, such as identifying, grouping and classifying to know what a balanced diet during the course of a day.

### PE

PE days are Monday and Tuesday for 3MA and Monday and Wednesday for 3P. Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors focused on dance, gymnastics, basketball and hockey. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

### Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety and value your support at home in monitoring, raising awareness and keeping your child safe online. This term, children will be learning Touch Typing and develop our digital literacy using Email. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via [RMUnify](#).

### Wider Curriculum Subjects

In **history**, we will be studying Ancient Greece and what life was like in this time period, along with the legacy this time period left. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, we have an interactive workshop to supplement the teaching of Ancient Greeks. In **Design Technology**, we will be cooking - creating sandwich snacks. This will build upon children's understanding of a balanced, healthy diet and will develop cutting and spreading skills. In **art**, we will be exploring colour palettes using watercolours and studying botanical art, leading up to the children creating their own botanical masterpiece. In **music**, we will be improvising and composing with imagination. In **RE**, we be studying Hinduism, with a focus on Brahman, and introducing the children to Judaism. In **PSHE**, we will be learning about Living in the Wider World – belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience, money and work.

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website '[Our Learning](#)' section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

