

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 3 CAT Day is held on a Wednesday, once a fortnight. Children will take part in a Drama, Spanish, Music Appreciation and Thinking Through Texts sessions. Therefore all children should wear clothes suitable for creative activities and ones which allow the children to move easily.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their reading book and reading record book. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office for £4.50-£5.50.

Homework

In Year 3, we expect children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book once a week and where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- Practise counting in multiples of a number and lead on to recalling their multiplication and division facts rapidly. Allow and encourage children to use the Times Tables Rock Stars website to practice their times tables. Children should know their times tables (multiplication and division facts) up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4.
- Learn their spellings and their meanings ready for their spelling test on Friday.

Your child will be set a piece of mathematics and a piece of English homework each week. This will consolidate and extend the skills taught during that week. Homework will be set on a Friday on Google Classroom. We encourage your child to complete their homework to support them in their learning. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any comments regarding the homework being given.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or Ms Akhtar.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 Curriculum Information



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English

This term, Year 3 will be looking at writing a character description through a text called 'King Midas and the Golden Touch' which links in with our Ancient Greece topic. They will explore instructions as their non-fiction piece of writing. Our learning journey will also focus on 'The Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold where the teaching focus will be suspense.

The key skills and objectives we will cover are:

- making inferences about how the characters are feeling and what they might be thinking;
- identifying and summarising main ideas of a text;
- looking at and discussing models of the text type, noting: structure, grammatical features and use of vocabulary;
- making careful choices about vocabulary used.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Encourage your child to think carefully about the words they want to use to begin their sentences and paragraphs.
- * Read books related to the topic of Ancient Greece and ask questions developing their understanding

Computing

The children will be focusing on animation where they will create their own animations using Jit5. They will also be focusing on data.

Ideas for supporting your child at home: encourage your child to use Google Classroom at home to access links.

Mathematics

The children in Year 3 will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. In order for all children to master mathematical concepts we will continue to teach topics over longer periods of time using Maths No Problem!

This term, children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division. They will learn how to divide and multiply by 1 and 0 and understand the law of commutativity. They will learn how to multiply two numbers together using prior knowledge of multiplication tables. Pupils will learn to divide 2-digit numbers using different methods. Children will also have daily opportunities to solve problems mentally, using their knowledge of number bonds, times tables and place value.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Practise counting in multiples of 2, 3, 4, and 8.
- Practise the recall of multiplication and division facts for the times table your child is learning.
- Discuss what makes a number. E.g. The number 539 has 5 hundreds. The number 3 represents 30 and 9 represents 9 ones.
- Encourage your child to think of more than one way to solve a problem. Can they use a written method? Pictures? Mental calculations?
- Encourage your child to use 'Time Tables Rockstars' to improve their number fluency.

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Handwriting and Presentation

At Park we follow the Penpals programme for teaching handwriting. The children are expected to join their writing using correct joins. We also expect children to always try their best when presenting their work, paying particular attention to the handwriting and work being presented neatly in all their books.

R.E.

This term, children will be learning about how symbols are important in religion. This will be taught by taking a closer look at the Sikh and Hindu religions. Children will be discussing and understanding the Sikh symbols and their meaning to Sikh people. Children will also be investigating the stories surrounding the Hindu festival of Holi.

Please talk to your child about celebrations that are important to you and your family and see if they can make any connections to this term's learning.

P.E.

This term children in Year 3 will be acquiring and developing their skills in table tennis and handball. In Spring 2 they will move on to football and dance. They will be focusing on:

- passing and catching a ball accurately and with control
- Using a variety of skills and techniques to defend and attack
- Forehand and backhand serve.
- Performing routines of taught movements.

Topic Learning

This term's history and geography topic will be 'Ancient Greece' and our science topic will be 'Plants'. In these lessons the children will be learning about the topic through cross-curricular teaching. They will be developing and extending their geographical, historical and scientific enquiry skills through:

- Using evidence to suggest what life may have been like in Ancient Greece..
- Understanding that different versions of the past may exist.
- Learning about the functions of different parts of a plant.
- Understanding the life-cycle of a flowering plant.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Read books and research on websites related to Ancient Greece and Plants.
- Go to the park and explore and identify different types of plants.