



11th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1: Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to this year and getting to know our new classes. Outlined below are expectations for Year 3 and overviews of topics that we will cover during this term. We will be hosting a "**Coffee Morning**" in the school dining hall at **9.10 am, tomorrow Tuesday 12th September**, where we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum. The date for this will be sent in the coming weeks.

As you are aware free school meals are being offered to all children in years 3-6 for the academic year 2023/2024. So this year you do not have to worry about paying for their school dinners.

Expectations

Pencil cases- In Years 3-6, children need to bring their own pencil cases (which must be able to fit in their trays) with equipment to use every day at school. ***Essential equipment for daily work includes: HB writing pencils, a small sharpener, a rubber, a 30cm ruler, colouring pencils, an uncoloured glue stick.*** Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - *glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson.* If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

Homework – Each week, children are expected to practise their times tables and spellings. These will be based on the work we do in school. Times-tables will be tested on Mondays and Spellings on Fridays. ***Your child was sent a purple homework book (large) to practise in if they wish. Inside, there are strategies for learning spellings and times table answers they can refer to. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in.***

Reading and reading records- It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). It is important that children bring in their records and take them home every day. ***When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be checked once a week by an adult.***

Curriculum

Maths – This term, we will begin with recapping and developing our knowledge around numbers and place value up to the 1000's. We will look at more or less amounts, compare and order different number values. This will lead to us gaining a greater understanding of addition and subtraction with three digit numbers. Children will learn how to add and subtract while crossing 10 and 100 and learn how to exchange numbers.

Writing- This term, we will be reconsolidating our understanding of punctuation and grammar from KS1 alongside developing our oracy, editing and story-telling skills. Our writing will cover instructions, diary entries and letters, and suspense stories. Through learning example texts and writing our own versions of these, we will also begin to identify underlying structures common to different texts and genres.

Reading- We will develop the children's vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summary skills through daily reading sessions.

Spelling- The children will have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules, build on their phonics skills and practise applying these.

IPC – For our geography topic The UK, the children will learn to locate cities, counties and rivers of the UK. They will be exploring different sources to find out how London has changed over time. We will learn various map skills, looking at roads and key features. They will also be exploring the history of the location of St Peter's.

Science – Our first science topic will be about nutrition and the muscular and skeletal systems. We will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We'll also learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half-term we will be learning about the Hindu faith with a focus on authority, worship, sacred and inspirational writings within the Hindu faith. We will also spend a week learning about the Harvest festival.

Computing- In computing, we will be focusing on programming this term. The children will find out about animations and the process behind making a successful one to achieve an aim. We will create our own animated scenes by writing a program in Scratch.

PE –The children will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. **Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms.** Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain. Wednesday PE lessons will be taught by Mr Hurrion.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns; you can make appointments with your class teacher via email/telephone the office (details in the letterhead).

Thank you for your support,

Ms Majewska, Miss Sachs and the Year 3 Team.