



Year 3

Spring Term 2020

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely gifts we received. We have a very busy term planned for the children full of fun and exciting activities and opportunities. We will continue to develop the 7 Cs this term and our particular focus will be Commitment and Communication.

PE

Cross Country practice and Hockey will be the focus for P.E. this term. Please be aware that PE days can change to enable us to take advantage of tuition and facilities, so it is advisable for them to have a full PE kit, including trainers and a tracksuit, in school all week. Please make sure **all** kit, including school jumpers are clearly labelled.

Art/ DT

In the first half term Mrs Boland will be teaching Art and to link to our topic of Spain she will be looking at portraits and the work of Pablo Picasso. In the second half of term we will be looking at the work of Antoni Gaudi and using clay to create some sculptures.

Music

We are going to look at the different instruments and musical elements used to portray the characters in the composition of Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. We will then be using that understanding to compose some music based on the movement of animals. This will foster the children's creativity and communication.

Homework

The home learning in Year 3 will involve reading, times table and spelling practise. The spellings will cover six weeks at a time. There will be a spelling test on Friday mornings. The children should continue to write in their reading record and make sure it is handed to Suzanne on a Monday to be checked. The children will be given opportunities to change their book but are welcome to read books from home.

Spanish

As a further link to our topic on Spain, Mrs Ling will be teaching the children some Spanish words and phrases during this term. The children will be looking at greetings, numbers, some foods and colours. The children will need to show *Commitment* to their learning and also *Curiosity*.

Science

This term's Science units will be Light and Forces and Magnets. The children will demonstrate *Creativity*, *Communication* and *Curiosity* during these units of work. This will include opportunities for practical investigations. In our unit on light the children will be learning about reflection, mirrors, light and shadows, the sun and transparency. They will look at a variety of different light sources and the way in which shadows change during the course of the day. In our unit on Forces and Magnets the children will learn about different forces, how magnets work and different objects that are attracted to magnets.

Some useful websites

<http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/spain-facts.html>
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/spain.html>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/>
<http://theschoolrun.com/homework-help/spain/>
<http://coolkidfacts.com/spain-facts/>
<http://natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/spain-facts/>
<http://easysciencefor kids.com/all-about-spain>

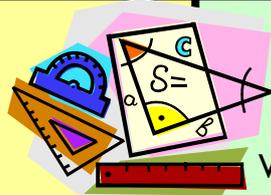
English

This term's focus will be writing to inform, which will look at work on recounts in the form of diaries and writing to entertain where the children will be looking at *The Sheep-Pig*. The children will complete a cold write so we can see what the children already know and then during the unit the focus will be on improving their knowledge of this genre. At the end of the unit the children complete a hot write to show how much they have learned.

They will also complete weekly grammar and punctuation lessons to support their understanding of the structure of sentences. There will be two spelling lessons which will look at a variety of spelling patterns, prefixes and suffixes to support the children with using correct spellings in their writing

How you can support your child at home

Hear your child read regularly and discuss what they are reading to check understanding. Support them in their quest to read intensively, getting to know about different authors. Choose a book that you can read to them and enjoy together. Encourage your child to write about anything and everything.



Maths

This term we will be teaching using the Big Maths techniques. We will be focusing on Place Value, mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, measures, time and fractions. As part of the Big Maths the children will complete weekly timed activities to practice what they have learned and there will also be a weekly times table challenge.

How you can support your child at home

Quick recall of the multiplication tables and their relationship with division facts are essential, as well as quick addition and subtraction facts. Daily practise in these areas will really help progress at school.

Computer studies

We will be trialling some new units of work this term which will help to develop the children's understanding of a variety of computing skills and techniques.

R.E./PSHE

PSHE— We will be focusing on thinking of others and ways that we can be kind and supportive to our peers

RE— We are continuing to look at the question of what is expected of a religious believer and the impact of belief on people's lives, this term focusing on the Hindu religion We will also look at Easter traditions. This will develop *Consideration* and *Curiosity*.

Geography

Our topic for this term will be Spain. This will enhance the children's *Consideration*, *Communication* and *Creativity*. We will look at comparisons between Woodbridge, London and Valencia. We will locate places on a map, look at why Spain is a popular holiday destination, investigate different Spanish festivals and customs. We will also make links to Spain in our Art and DT work this term (see Art/DT section for more details). If you have any postcards, artefacts or information on Spain that you would be happy for the children to share please send it into school named and we will keep it safe.

History

We will look at some historical events that have happened in Spain.