

Year 3 Spring Term Learning Poster

Hello,
Happy New Year 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 the very generous gifts we received. We will be building on the independence that the children have been developing. This will be a busy term with lots of wonderful learning opportunities, including learning in our outdoor classroom.

Equipment

We would like to thank and remind you all about the equipment the children need to bring in daily. Please ensure they have a well equipped pencil case, reading book, drinks bottle and if possible personal hand sanitiser. The children have been great at organising their desks with ALL their equipment and taking care of the personal items. Please could you name EVERYTHING. As the weather is cold please send your child with an extra layer to wear over their school jumper and a warm, waterproof coat.

Maths

This term we will be teaching using the Big Maths techniques. We will be focusing on mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at doubling, halving, time, fractions and number bonds. As part of the Big Maths the children will complete weekly challenges to practise what they have learned.

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. The children will complete a weekly times tables challenge. Daily practise in these areas will really help progress at school.

Music

We are going to look at the different instruments and other 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.

Science

This term's Science units will be Forces and Magnets and Light. The children will be able to foster and develop a sense of curiosity through these topics. Forces and Magnets involves looking at the effects of forces on objects, understanding friction and investigations involving magnets. Light involves understanding sources of light, shadows and how they are formed.

Art/ DT

In Art this term we will be looking at Gaudi and Picasso to link to our work on Spain. We will be learning about their lives, their work and producing our own work based on their ideas. In DT we will be making sculptures. The children will be showing lots of creativity in these lessons.

PE

Tennis and Hockey will be the focus for P.E. The children will need to show commitment and consideration during these lessons. Please ensure your child is wearing shoes that are suitable for sport as we are not changing for PE.

English

We will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and James and the *Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. We will base our writing on these two texts, using persuasive writing and story writing and character description.

Every week we will also complete grammar and punctuation lessons to support their understanding of the structure of sentences. We will also be having weekly handwriting lessons.

The English curriculum helps the children to foster Craftsmanship, creativity, commitment and communication.

How you can support your child at home

Talk to your child about punctuation, where their commas might go for example. Encourage your child to write about anything and everything.

Reading

The children will be asked to read independently daily so please make sure they have their reading book in school everyday.

In addition, please could you encourage your child to complete two or three reads on Oxford Reading Buddy and two or three reads from their reading book. Please record any reading in the reading record. These will be checked on a Monday morning.

How you can support your child at home

Discuss with your child what they are reading to check understanding. Support them in their quest to read extensively, getting to know about different authors. Choose a book that you can read to them and enjoy together.

PSHE/ RE PSHE

Our topic in PSHE is Think Positive which looks at how we can be happy, making changes, thoughts and feelings, keeping calm and relaxed. This work will involve lots of discussion and collaboration.

RE

As part of a KS2 focus on Judaism, we'll be exploring the question what symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God.

Geography

Our topic this term will be Spain. We will be locating Spain using maps and atlases, making a fact file, looking at the human and physical features of the country.

History

As part of our Spain topic we will be looking at some historical events and people from the past. We will be looking at two Spanish artists in our Art topics.

Computing

In Computing our topics will be sequencing sounds and branching databases. These units will involve creating sequences in a block-based programming language to make music and building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions.

Spanish

We are going to look at some basic Spanish to accompany the class topic. We'll be looking at greetings, numbers and colours and some foods.

Google Classroom

We have added lots of educational resources and online learning activities to our Year 3 Google Classroom. Your child can login by their name, first three letters of their surname and @woodbridgeprimary.suffolk.sch.uk. Their password is the day they were born, first three letters of the month and the year. For example if they were born on 24th April 2014, their password would be 24apr2014. Any problems, please let us know.