



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term ~ Class 3 (Y3/4)

In order for you to feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Summer Term 2019, I hope that you find reading this overview helpful ...

This term, I want the children to become historical scholars, advisors to the Shariyar of Baghdad. The curriculum focus will be on history, while all other learning will be closely linked together through English.

This work will teach about the early Islamic civilisation. They will learn in detail about the significance and importance of Baghdad in helping to build and shape this early civilisation and examine how and why it developed into such a major world power. In addition to this, they will find out about the House of Wisdom and some of the influential people who worked and studied there. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about other significant discoveries and inventions made by Muslim scholars in the early Islamic civilisation and to explore how items were made and where and how they were traded with the rest of the world.

In the course of their learning, the children will read stories from and write stories for the Arabian Nights and Scheherazade, they will recount events and write persuasively within the theme. They will learn the science of rocks, soils and sound. They will study maps and atlases to improve their understanding of where in the world key countries are in relation to the Equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and major deserts and travel routes. Art work will include an identify and talk about different forms of Islamic art and create my own geometric pattern based on traditional techniques.

I hope that this theme will provide the children with high quality material for developing skills in English and Mathematics. Their Historical knowledge and Scientific skills will link with other subjects across the curriculum to create an overarching 'project' theme.

English work will include developing key skills in spelling, punctuation and sentence structure. We will share a range of high quality reading texts which will support the learning of specific vocabulary and help centre the children in the core theme. This will also support the need to have a better spoken and written Standard English. I strongly encourage you as parents to ensure that your children are regular readers of interesting and challenging texts. Please use the monthly Reading Newsletters for advice and suggestions.

Mathematics will involve money, statistics and time. Children will learn about properties of 2D/3D shapes and angles. They will find out about position and direction involving coordinates on a grid. Before looking at how they can collect and present information in graphs and tables. There will be the usual strong focus on learning multiplication tables and division facts. All children must continue to use TTRockstars to support this.

In PE, the children will be undertaking activities MSP. The children will be developing their skills with a racquet and ball in Tennis; control and movement in Athletics and hand eye coordination in Cricket, Rounders and Tri-Golf.

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Updates:

Please remind you to check homework books for their login details for:

TTRockstars: #1 tool for learning tables. An essential skill, especially for Y3! The best way to improve is to learn them independently outside the classroom.

Prodigy: An interactive maths game which is aligned to classroom learning and gives children activities at their level to aid progress.

ReadTheory: A wide-range of quickfire reading comprehension practice, always pitched for individual ability.

Messages:

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school on these days.

For PE, earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back securely.

Homework will be sent out on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday of the following week.

Please listen to your child read 3-4 times a week for 10-15 minutes, it makes a huge difference to their learning and understanding.

Your Brain on Books

What science tells us about why you should get lost in a great story

Reading by the Numbers

- Increases knowledge and vocabulary by **50%**
- Lowers stress by **68%**
- Can lengthen your life by **2 years**

Books Can:

- Boost your mood:** Studies show that people who read for fun are more likely to feel happy and confident.
- Help you relax:** Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles melt. One minute you're reading in bed, and the next you're asleep.
- Bring people together:** Whether you're starting a book club or bonding over *Wings of Fire* with a friend, you'll be part of a reading community.

Memory
Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)

Imagination
Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.

Heart
Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.

Reading is a workout for your . . .