

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers & children,

Please find below an outline of the work which your child will be covering this term. We would appreciate it if you could support your child in this and if you are able to come into school to help with reading or any other subject, please let us know.

English: In the autumn term, we will be reading the texts 'Into The Forest' and 'Fly Eagle Fly'. We will be exploring rich vocabulary through descriptive, story and persuasive writing. We will also be comparing both texts with other stories and focusing on speaking and listening skills through the use of drama. Please ensure that you are reading with your child at home daily and discussing their books. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday for testing on Friday.

Maths: We will focus on a range of mathematical skills throughout the term. Weekly homework will be given to help consolidate the children's learning. Activities which can be reinforced at home include learning multiplication tables, telling the time and using money (especially coins). We have a big focus on becoming fluent in using and applying number as well as problem solving and reasoning.

Science: "Mirror, Mirror" and "Opposites Attract" are the titles of our science topics. Lots of practical investigative work will begin alongside the use of scientific vocabulary.

History/Geography: We will be studying ancient history this term, looking at the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. After half term, the children will be learning about reading and drawing maps in geography.

Computing: Children will begin by learning how to communicate using a computer (sending emails). We will introduce e-safety, to encourage safe use of the internet.

RE: We will learn about Judaism (What does it mean to be Jewish?). This will cover many aspects of the Jewish religion.

French: In French, we will be learning to ask basic questions and how to answer in relation to self and also numbers, seasons and months.

PSHE: This term, the children will learn about new beginnings and how to deal with the transition from infant to junior school. We will also focus on our self-esteem and how to improve it.

Music: We will be learning key musical vocabulary, such as pitch, volume and rhythm. Children will be creating simple musical sequences using a variety of instruments.

Art: This term will focus on teaching the introductory skills to aid children in drawing still life.

PE: Indoor PE will focus on gymnastics and we will be refining our striking and fielding skills in our outdoor PE sessions.

Homework - At the beginning of the year, each child is given an exercise book dedicated to recording homework. Please support us in reminding your child that it must be treated with the same respect and care as all their other school books. Teacher feedback on homework may be oral or written; whether written or oral, each child will receive feedback and all homework will be acknowledged. Please take time to read our homework policy on the inside cover. English and maths homework will be given on a Friday to be completed over the weekend and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Dates for your diary:

Year 3 Curriculum Meeting: Tuesday 19th September at 3.45pm

Supporting your child in English workshop: Tuesday 19th September at 9am

Supporting your child in maths workshop: Wednesday 27th September at 9am

Please visit our website to keep informed of any changes and developments: parkhill-junior.redbridge.sch.uk

Enjoy learning!

Mrs Levy, Mr Hansen, Miss Gay and Miss Kaur – Year 3 Teachers