



Year 3 Curriculum News

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English

In English we will be covering the following topics:

- Short novels by a significant author
- Poems based on a topic or theme
- Discussion: Debate
- Persuasive letters
- Explanation text

The teaching of spelling and grammar will be integrated throughout each topic. Guided Reading sessions take place daily and will cover a range of

Maths

In Maths, all year 3 groups will cover units on:

- Number sense and place value
- Additive reasoning, including measurement and statistics
- Multiplicative reasoning
- Geometric reasoning

In each topic, there will be a focus on mathematical reasoning, problem solving and applying methods in a variety of different contexts. Pupils will practice their mental arithmetic skills in a weekly mental

Science

Our topics in Science this term will be 'plants' and 'mirrors'. In the plants topic, the children will investigate the different parts of plants, what plants need to live, water transportation and pollination. In the mirrors topic, they will work scientifically to learn about how light is reflected from surfaces and how shadows are formed.

Topic

In IPC this term our topic will be 'Saving the World: Rainforests.' Through this unit, year 3 will be finding out about the importance of the rainforest to our daily lives and the future of our planet. They will explore some the threats to the rainforest and be challenged to come up with their own ideas as to how they can help to make a difference in the fight to save our precious rainforest.

PE Kit

The topics in P.E. this term will be gymnastics and dance. Your child must bring a change of clothes for PE. Please do not bring children to school dressed in their PE kit at the start of the day. The PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings/tracksuit bottoms/shorts and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside whenever possible so

The children will be finding out about where the major rainforests are in the world, which rainforest products we use in our everyday lives, what the lives of rainforest people are like and how they compare with our own, how and why the rainforest is being destroyed, as well as exploring the different ways in which people are trying to save the rainfor-

Homework

Maths and English homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned to the appropriate teacher by Wednesday. Spellings will also be sent home on Fridays, which the children should practice in preparation for their test on the following Friday. Spelling sheets do not need to be returned. Please also ensure that your child is reading daily and completing any Mathletics tasks set by

Religious Education

In R.E. this term, we will be learning about what it means to be a Hindu, followed by a topic on Christianity, which explores churches as a place of wor-

Music

In Music this term, year 3 will be focusing on exploring rhythmic and melodic patterns and ostinato through singing.