

A note from Mrs Evans

It's hard to believe that we are in the final term, the children have come back from the Easter break with a great sense of determination to end Year 3 the best way they can, individually and as a team, staying positive and aiming high. Here's to a fabulous summer term in Year 3 😊.

English

This term, we will study reading and writing playscripts. We will focus on the playscript 'Oh, Gnome!'. We will also read 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman. This text makes great links to our upcoming history unit of work, The Vikings! We will create recounts, explanation texts and descriptions before planning and writing our own narratives.

We are reading...

Our class reads for this term will be 'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G Bell and 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman

Maths

This term in year 3 we are focusing on fractions. We will continue to recap the multiplication and corresponding division facts of the 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and 3 times tables. We will use our knowledge, written and mental methods to solve a range of word problems.

Once we have completed our fraction unit, we will be moving onto

- Geometry – properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying parallel and perpendicular sides.
- Money
- Time
- Mass and capacity

Science

We will begin the summer term by exploring living things in their habitats, where children will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will also study plants, by identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants and exploring the part that flowers play in the plant life cycle. Finally, we will move onto animals including humans, where children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. Children will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system and will explore different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

History

Our history units will focus on the Anglo-Saxon time period, including The Vikings. We will learn about the events at Lindisfarne and what this tells us about Viking beliefs, comparing this to our Anglo-Saxon knowledge. We will focus on the iconic Viking longship and how its design made it perfect for trading and exploring. In our final unit we will learn about burials and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians.

Geography

This term in geography, we will investigate why so many people in the world live in megacities.

The children will be able to describe the key features of cities and compare the benefits and disadvantages of city life.

They will be able to explain the distribution of megacities across the continents of the world and why Milton Keynes in particular is the fastest-growing city in the United Kingdom.

Other curriculum information:

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday and should be returned before the following Friday. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

Home Reading

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school every Tuesday to be checked by Miss Aspinall.

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- This term, children will develop their 'leadership' and 'problem solving' skills. Our key stage project in June is called 'Number crunching' and will aim to develop the skills of presenting, problem solving and staying positive!

Art and Design- Our art topic is drawing and sculpture, where we'll firstly sketch and then sculpt Viking long ships from clay. In DT, we will create cushions!

Computing – In computing we will explore plugged and unplugged activities to develop the four areas of computational thinking and continue to develop our understanding of internet safety.

PSHE – Our topic this term is 'Living in the wider world' with a focus on rules and laws. We will also focus on sexism, gender and homophobia.

PE- In Y3 the children will go **swimming** every **Monday**. Children should wear their PE kits to school (navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirt) and bring with them their swimming costume/trunks and a towel.

RE – This term, our RE units of work explore the concept of where, how and why people pray, making links to both Christianity and Islam. We will also explore how different faith communities are represented in Wigan.

Music- Music lessons for Y3 this term focus on the RnB song, 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. In the second half of the summer term, we will focus on music from around the world, focusing on 'The Dragon Song!'

French- This term the children will focus on the main parts of the body and describing colour. We will also learn to talk about animals, particularly their colour and movement.

IT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Children are expected to complete 20 minutes of IT Rockstar games which will be set each week. Spellings will be given out every Tuesday for a spelling test the following Monday and will follow the rule we have been learning in class.