



## Guide to the Curriculum in Class 3

Summer 1 2016

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Reading** Please encourage your child to read regularly and discuss their books with them at home. Please update their planner each time you read or discuss their book with them. Children should read five times at home each week and books can only be changed in school if you have signed to say your child has finished their book.

**Times Tables** These are essential to promote the children's maths learning and we will continue to visit these regularly in class. Additionally they need to spend time at home learning them as the aim is to recall them at speed. We also have a weekly times table champion and the children enjoy participating in this activity. This promotes speed and reinforces their learning.

**Homework** Details of this half terms homework will follow separately.

**Planners** These need to be in school daily.

**PE** Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. PE will take place outside whenever possible so please provide plain navy or black joggers, a sweatshirt and trainers as well as the usual shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls. PE will take place on Wednesday this term.

**Swimming** Please ensure swimming kits are in school on Thursdays.

**Belongings** Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

**Book Bags** As we have limited space please ensure children bring book bags to school rather than large rucksacks

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer Term,

During numeracy lessons this half term children will have opportunities to: use all four written methods of calculation; focus on reading the time accurately and converting the time along with solving problems involving time; calculate perimeter and measure and convert using ml and l.

We will also continue to focus on times tables several times a week as the expectation is to know them up to  $12 \times 12$  by the end of year 4 and the Government has announced testing of all children in year 6. Please ensure your child spends time at home learning their times tables. The times tables tests are sent home weekly so please ensure these are reviewed with your children and the time table book signed.

During Literacy children will read daily through a variety of genres. They will also be looking at persuasive writing initially and then moving onto play scripts linked to Fairy tales. During the term we will also complete specific tasks relating to spelling, grammar, comprehension, punctuation and handwriting. Children will have opportunities to read using bug club in school which they can continue to revisit at home. Children have also been allocated grammar games which they can access through Bug Club.

This term we will be focusing on netball and athletics during PE lessons. Children will also be swimming and details have already been sent home relating to this. Science for this half term will continue looking at Animals including humans. In RE we will investigate founders of religions within Christianity, Buddhism and Judaism. PSHE lessons will focus on team work and children will be working in groups to design a maths game. At the end of the half term the children will have an opportunity to play each other's games. During ICT children will complete their scratch animation and then we will look at a new topic of bug fixers. History, Geography and Technology will be linked as we will be investigating railways. Art lessons will look into the life and work of Henri Matisse.

Please note that planners should be in school daily, they contain useful information regarding many aspects of school and should be used to record reading and messages. As mentioned, Times Table test books will continue to be sent home weekly for you to review with your child and I would be grateful if these could be signed and returned the following day. It has been lovely to see some of the comments you have written in these during the previous half term.

We look forward to working with you again over the next half term. Please feel free to contact me if you require any assistance or have any concerns.  
Mrs Wallace