

General Information and Reminders

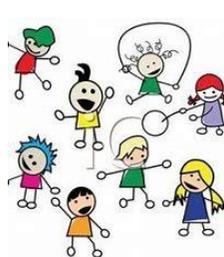
PE

PE will take place on Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 3 is taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will also be going to Hampstead Heath on **Thursday afternoons** with Year 4. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



Trips

Burgh House - Friday 17th January
Regents Park Mosque - Tuesday 28th January
CLC - Thursday 5th March

Homework

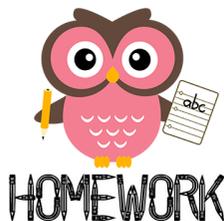
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be tested on Wednesday mornings.

Homework should take approximately 1½ hours per week and will cover a range of tasks.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework, but has not finished the work set then that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on **Friday 31st January**. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited.

Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we have changed our policy this year for birthdays. We no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



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Year 3



Spring Term 2020



Year Three

Class Teacher: Mr Taylor

Support Staff: Mrs Maguire

Other adults working with Y3: Miss James (music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Mr Chelaru (French)

Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you had an enjoyable break. Thank you for all the kind gifts and generosity before the holidays, it was greatly appreciated. Below is our curriculum information for the term. If you have any questions, queries or concerns over the coming term, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Mr Taylor and the Year 3 Team

Our curriculum and how our homework activities support children's learning

This leaflet forms one of the many ways you can find out about what your child is learning at school. You can also find information about our broad and enriched curriculum on our website under the *key information* tab. Slides and information from our curriculum parent workshops can also be found under the *parents* tab.

Our curriculum is always changing and developing to meet the needs of the school community with a particular focus on children learning more and remembering more through regular opportunities to revisit and build on previous learning. With this in mind, weekly homework may not always directly match the learning the children have been doing in school that week. Instead it may be a task revisiting a topic from two or three weeks ago in order to help children recall and embed what they have previously learned. Over each term our homework tasks cover many different curriculum areas.

English



English will be taught through a range of genres this term. We will begin by looking at Adventure Stories, where we will read the Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith and base our work around this text. We will also look at Information Texts and Performance Poetry. We will also be using "The Iron Man" and a range of other texts for our guided reading.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Place value
- Multiplication & division
- Addition & subtraction
- Time
- Shape
- Fractions

Science



Our topics this term are "Light" and "Plants". We will learn about how light causes shadows and how it reflects from mirrors. We will also be investigating how plants grow in different conditions.

Computing



In computing this term we are practising our typing skills to enable us to be more efficient when publishing our work on computers. We will produce work based on our RE topic.

RE



In RE, we are learning about Islam. This will include learning about the Qu'ran, the five pillars of Islam, who Mohammed was, Muslims' belief in one God called Allah and how/where Muslims pray. We will be visiting Regent's Park Mosque as part of this topic. As Easter approaches, we will learn about Jesus' crucifixion and how Christians believe this sacrifice brought people closer to God.

History



We will be finishing learning about Ancient Egypt and moving on to considering the history of our local area. This will involve a trip to Burgh House, examining the lives of significant historical Hampstead residents, considering how Hampstead has changed over centuries and what it would have been like to live in Hampstead in WW1.

Geography



In geography this term, we will be continuing to investigate human and physical geography of the South East region of the UK, including London. We will think about topics like cliff erosion and the uses of the River Thames. This will also link to our history topic as we will consider how Hampstead has changed over the years.

PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 3rd February 2020 and is focused on Keeping Ourselves Safe and Healthy. In Year 3 we will be learning about: what positively/negatively affects our physical and mental health; the concept of a balanced lifestyle and diet; bacteria and viruses that affect our health.

PE



PE this term will be taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will focus on health and fitness initially, thinking about how exercise can keep our bodies healthy. They will then look at cricket, learning the basic rules of the game and developing their throwing and catching skills.

Music



In music, our topic is "Our School Symphony". We will explore how school "sounds" every day and use this as the starting point for a brand new piece of music. Starting with exploring and recording every day sounds around school then turning them into musical sounds. We will then organise them in an interesting way to listen to and increase our confidence with how to write music down for our friends to read.

Art



In art, we will be making 3D relief Egyptian death masks inspired by Tutankhamun. We will also make prayer mats using weaving inspired by our Islam topic in RE.

Design Technology

Our DT work this term will focus on food, finding out the origins of our food and how to have a healthy varied diet. This will involve learning how to cook various healthy food.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!