

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will ordinarily take place on Mondays (however, it may also take place on other days). 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 **Thursdays** with Year 4. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



Trips/Virtual Visits

- History trip to British Museum (4th October)
- PSHE trip to Hampstead Heath

Homework

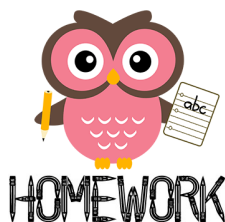
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Wednesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

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 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 Thursday 14th October (DIFFERENT DATE TO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED). All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

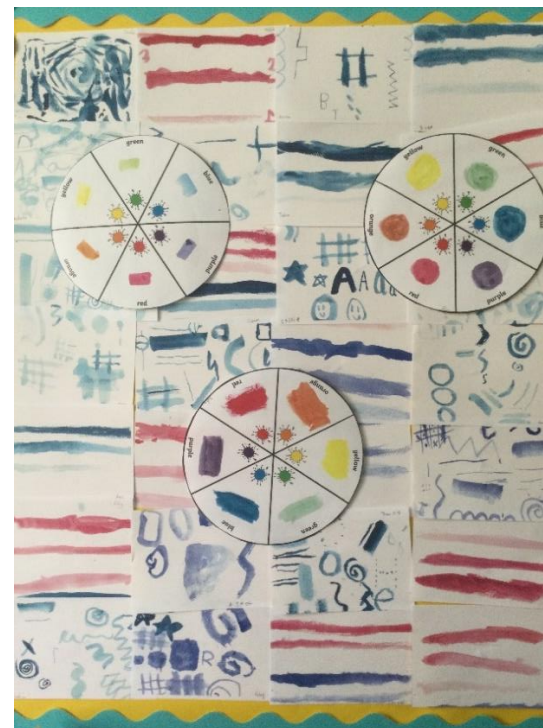
Reminders

- 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.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Welcome to Year 3 Autumn Term 2021



Year Three

Class Teacher: Mr Taylor
 Support Staff: Miss Spence
 Other adults working with Y3: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Pugalía (French), Mrs Manning-Bennett

Welcome to all the children, parents and carers of Year 3! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. This letter outlines our class topics and general information for this term. All the staff working in Year 3 are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please feel free to catch me for a quick chat at the end of the day or book an appointment with me. Kind Regards, Mr Bradley Taylor

Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school Happiness Project. We have been running our Happiness Project successfully for a number of years in different formats but this year we intend to cover the weekly themes in more detail. Some of the themes (which all aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing) you will hear your child talking about are: giving, celebrating difference, resilience, simplicity and trying something new. We are also going to link our Autumn Christ Church Arts Project (CAP) to these themes, so keep an eye out for our amazing art work and our eagerly anticipated calendar!

English



English this term will be taught through a range of genres including myths and legends, poetry and recounts. We are starting this term reading our class book "Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball" and will be moving onto other books as the term progresses. Reading a range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction within class and at home) will benefit your child in all the genres we study. If you would like suggestions for reading at home, please do contact me.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

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Computing



We will be using Rodocodo to develop our coding skills in computing. We will also look at e-Safety, how to use the internet to research topics and use our word processing skills to type up some of our writing.

RE



This term will focus on thinking about how belief in God affected the actions of people in the Old Testament. We will look at some key biblical figures (e.g. Abraham, Sarah, Moses) and think about how we can relate their actions to our own lives today. We will also be thinking about Remembrance this term and focusing on why remembering is important to support future peace. After half term, we will be exploring Advent, the Epiphany and how these are special celebrations for Christians at Christmas time.

History



Our class topic for this term is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the uses of the River Nile, gods and goddesses, Tutankhamun and lots more! We will be making the most of the internet and technology to visit, virtually, a range of relevant museums and places around the world alongside an in-person visit to the British Museum.

Geography



In Geography this term, we will be investigating 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. We will be developing our fieldwork skills through the use of maps, databases and observational sketches.

PSHE



Our PSHE topics match well with our Happiness Project, this means we will have two PSHE weeks. The first will take place week commencing 8th November 2021, focusing on positive relationships. In year 3 we will be learning about what makes a good friendship and who the responsible adults in our life are. Our second will be the week after focusing on diversity and we will be learning about how we are all unique and the protected characteristics of the Equality Act.

PE



In PE this term, we will be practising ball skills in both basketball and netball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will learn different types of passing (chest pass, bounce pass) and use our communication skills to develop our game tactics.

Music



As musicians it is vital that we can establish a steady pulse and use that as a foundation to play a variety of exciting rhythms to different tempos. This term we will be applying these musical principles to compose and perform STOMP inspired body percussion pieces. We will also continue to learn the recorder with Miss Robertson.

Art



Art this term will be linked to our topic of Ancient Egypt; we will be using mono-printing to replicate Egyptian art and creating 3D relief sculptures of Egyptian masks. We will also be using watercolour paints to experiment with colour mixing.

Design Technology

This term, design and technology will focus on the use of pneumatics and levers to create movement. We will research real world uses of pneumatics and produce 3D Christmas cards with moving parts.

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