

## General Information and Reminders

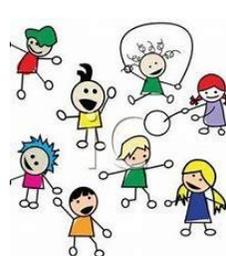
### PE

PE will take place on Thursdays and 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 the sports hall or Hampstead Heath on Thursday afternoons. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



### Trips/Virtual Visits

City Learning Centre (CLC) visit to be confirmed to enrich our Computing curriculum.

Regent's Park Mosque visit to be confirmed.

### Homework

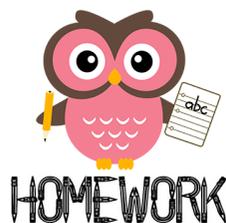
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

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 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. 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.
- **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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# Year Three

## Spring Term 2022



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Class Teacher: Miss Vitow      Support Staff: Miss Jess and Miss Stables

Other adults working with Y3: Mr Oliver (Music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Ms. Pugalia (French)

Welcome back to the Spring term. I am pleased to be continuing as class teacher in Year 3 and am looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned, so please read the leaflet carefully to find out more. We are also lucky to have Mrs Pagnello, Miss Parsons, Mrs Manning-Bennett and Miss Miller coming in to join us at various points in the week to work alongside me as I deliver our broad and balanced curriculum. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please do not hesitate to do so.

Kind regards, Miss Vitow and the Year 3 Team

### Retrieval Practice and Spaced Retrieval

*"Retrieval practice is the act of recalling information from memory (with no or little support) and every time that information is retrieved, or an answer is generated, it changes that original memory to make it stronger."* Kate Jones

We have been focusing on using retrieval practice to help children to learn and progress in all curriculum areas. We carefully think of activities which require children to remember previous learning in different ways to make sure that the children have the best chance of keeping their learning in their long-term memory. One way of doing this is to set homework activities that link directly to learning that the children have done in class. On occasion, we will send homework which links to learning which may have taken place a number weeks before. This is called spaced retrieval because children are asked to remember something after a gap in time.

### English



English will be taught through studying both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will begin by exploring adventure stories, using the text 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will be learning to retell a story from a character's perspective and write a non-chronological report. We will also be focusing on developing our reading comprehension skills.

### Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Multiplication and Division
- Measure - Money
- Measure - Length & Perimeter
- Statistics
- Fractions

### Science



Later this term we will begin some science units, with the majority taking place in the summer term. We will start our plants topic where we will learn the functions of different parts of a flowering plant, how water is transported, what they require for life and growth and their life cycle. Then we will move onto Animals, including humans to learn about their needs and their skeletons (as well as the function of a skeleton).

### Computing



This term we will be developing our coding knowledge through the Purple Mash platform. We will be learning to use flowcharts, programme timers, code, test, debug and design and make an interactive scene.

### RE



In RE, we will be starting our world faith topic. We will be learning about Islam. This will include learning about the importance of Muhammad, the importance of the Qu'ran, Islamic practices and the significance of the Mosque. We will also learn about the role of prayer in a Muslim's life and the five pillars of Islam. As Easter approaches, we will be considering who is the most important person in the Easter story. We will look at the role of Judas, Peter and Mary Magdalene. We'll explore what it means to betray, deny and reject those who are different.

### History



This term we will be taking a look at the history of our local area. We will look at Hampstead and how it has changed over time. As part of this, we will look at a significant location in our local area, Burgh House, to identify its significance. We will also look at events in history which potentially caused Hampstead's population growth. This topic provides excellent opportunities to explore both primary and secondary sources.

### Geography



We will be finishing our topic about the human and physical geography of the South East. As we finish this we will look at the different uses of the River Thames and the human and physical features around our school. This will lead us seamlessly into our next topic where we will carry out a short study of the local area. As part of this, we will complete simple land-use maps to see how the land in our local area is used and we will attempt to carry out a traffic survey.

### PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January and is focused on keeping ourselves safe and healthy. In Year 3 we will focus on what makes a balanced, healthy lifestyle, how we can keep ourselves safe online, understanding mental health and how we can protect ourselves from the spread of viruses.

### PE



In the first half of this term we will be covering Health and Fitness. As part of this we will be setting realistic targets relating to times and distances. We will then try to achieve them and try to improve on them. In the second half of this term we will cover Skills Development and begin to use simple, technical vocabulary relating to the games played and the skills learnt.

### Music



We will be learning ensemble skills through rehearsals of We Will Rock You by Queen. Each child will choose a musical instrument to play and will learn their own rhythmic/melodic part which contributes to the overall sound. We will apply this learning into small bands following a set structure of the piece which will lead to a performance at the end of term.

### Art



In art we are currently in the process of transferring our 2D design of Tutankhamen's mask onto the 3D reliefs we created last term. We will be looking at famous artists and using their work as inspiration to develop our painting skills, for example, Gustav Klimt's tree of life.

### Design Technology

Our focus in Design and Technology will be healthy and varied diets. We will be designing and making our very own sandwiches (including the bread). This provides the perfect opportunity to practise the key skills of peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking!

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