

Dear Parents

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy 2024! Last term your children made a great start to Year 3 and we are now looking forward to an exciting term ahead. You will hopefully have had the opportunity to have met with your child's new teachers at the parents' evenings held in the Autumn term, but as always, if any issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment.

English

Throughout the first half of this term the children will be working on their story writing skills with a sharp focus on the craft and construction of sentences, using the short animated film – The Blue Umbrella. Later in the term we will learn how to create a non fiction piece of writing using the text 'The Street Beneath our Feet as a writing tool. Also, we will be continuing to develop reading comprehension skills as well as handwriting and spelling.

Maths

At the start of term, we shall continue with multiplication and division, multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. The children will then learn about money. They will convert pounds and pence and learn to add and subtract money. In each area that we cover in Maths, the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science

This term, as part of our 'Animals, including humans' unit of work, the children will be learning about the diets of both animals and humans. They will also learn about the functions of the skeleton and how our joints and muscles help us to move.

Humanities

This half term in History, the children will be learning about the Romans. They will learn about the Roman Empire and the Romanisation of Britain. Later in the term, in Geography, the children will be learning about Rivers, including the water cycle and this will include our exciting residential trip to Everdon.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will learn about Lent and how Christians use it as a time of reflection in the lead up to Easter. We will also be learning about Easter as a time of celebration.

Computing

This term the children will be developing their programming skills using the free software 'Scratch' from MIT. They will be building their skills and understanding the value and importance of using algorithms effectively.

Music

The children will be using their imagination when creating compositions. What do you see when you close your eyes? Can you write a melody or find sounds that represent the story you want to tell? They will also be discussing the social question 'How Does Music Make the World a Better Place?'

Art

This half term the children will be looking at the work of artist and architect Hundertwasser. They will create individual and collaborative prints and mixed media work inspired by Hundertwasser.

Health & Wellbeing

This term there will be a focus on keeping safe and this will include discussion around taking risks and potential dangers. Later in the term we will look at economic responsibilities, volunteering and the environment.

PE

This half term the children will be doing PE outside on a Wednesday and going swimming on a Tuesday. The children's PE lessons will be structured around 'PE Passport' and will focus on invasion games. After half term PE will be inside and will involve dance skills. Please send your child in with their PE kit at the start of term. Long hair needs to be tied back and all jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming.

French

In French this term, we will learn how to say a range of colours and animals with the intention of then combining these. We will consolidate this learning with stories.

Key Dates

Please refer to the website via the following link:

<https://www.nicholashawksmooracademy.com/events/>

Homework

TTRockstars: Your child will have a log in for this and we would like to see them using this daily if possible. This helps with their recall and speed of answering times table related questions. There will be Rockstar challenges to take part in throughout the term.

Weekly Reading: (Reading records will be collected in on every Friday).

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their records. We are encouraging the children to read daily-either independently or with an adult. We are encouraging the children to enter their thoughts about what they have read rather than just recording the pages read.

Spelling Logs: Every Friday, the children will bring home a list of spellings to be learnt ready for a test the following Friday in school. The spellings are currently put in a red spelling book.

Water Bottles and Snack: Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day and a small, healthy snack for playtime if required.

Our Golden Rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Best wishes,

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