

## Curriculum Overview

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Term: 2

Year: 3

The Year Team:

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Mrs Barlow, 3NB, Head of Year  
Mr Millroy, 3JM  
Ms Dzikiewicz, 3ED

Other adults working with us:

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Mrs Fogg  
Miss Hua

## English/Literacy

This term we will be looking at Unit 2 of the Literacy and Language programme. Within this unit we will study a short play called “A Tune of Lies” by Lou Kuenzler and look at the use of stage directions and structure as well as character voice and attitudes. During the non-fiction part of the unit, pupils will learn about instructional texts and the use of adverbs and adverbials of time.

### Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of the Literacy and Language programme. The children will read short texts in class that will directly link to their writing. The children will learn to pick out key features of particular texts as well as reading with increased expression. As well as this, the children will access Bug Club within the school day, which you can also access at home. The children also choose a reading book to read at home and school, and at the end of every school day we read a shared story to model the enjoyment of reading, teaching the children how to read with expression.

During our reading comprehension lessons the children will learn explicitly how to answer questions about a text – showing a deep understanding of not just the text, but the questions themselves. They will be taught to use their skills of inference and retrieval.

If children have lost their Bug Club password, please ask their class teacher.

### Writing

In writing this term we will focus on two different genres; play scripts and instructional texts.

### Spelling

Over the course of Autumn 1 & 2, the children will be completing a Read, Write, Inc. spelling programme. This spelling programme will be done daily and will look at spelling patterns, sounds, prefixes, suffixes, word families and homophones. Your child will receive weekly spellings in their home learning that is sent out on a Friday. The children will be tested on the following Friday. Spellings are suited to Year 3 children and follow particular spelling rules. Children who attend Read Write Inc. will receive their own groups spellings and will have their spelling test on a Thursday.

## Mathematics

We will be following the Primary Advantage Maths Programme (PAMP) to help embed the key skills that the children need to be lifelong, skilled mathematicians with a deep understanding of number. This term we will be focusing on several key areas;

**Fractions** - Fractions of numbers and objects. Fraction equivalents

**Geometry**- Properties of shape

**Statistics** - Bar charts, pictograms and tables

**Measure** – Time; 12 and 24 hour time (am and pm).

**Measure** - Volume and capacity. Length and mass

**Four operations** – In the context of volume, capacity, length and mass

**Please can you ensure your child is accessing MyMaths regularly for revision and tasks, as well as for tasks set for home learning. If your child has misplaced their login details please speak to your child's class teacher.**

## Science

Our topic for this term is **Forces and magnets**. Children will learn to identify pushes and pulls as forces and explore how things move on different surfaces. The children will find out about attraction and repulsion by magnetic forces and which materials are magnetic. We will also look at compasses and uses of magnets as well as carry out some enquiries using magnets.

During this topic the children will carry out a Design and Technology based activity that will look at how things travel and how magnets work.

## PE

During this half-term, we will be focusing on Invasion games (outdoor PE) and Balance (indoor PE). For Invasion Games children will learn how to throw, catch and move with the ball. They will develop skills in finding space and keeping control of a ball and use a basic court set-up and simple rules to complete tasks. This will lead to children playing a variety of games and learning invasion game techniques. For Balance we will focus on improving the quality of strength, control and concentration.

**Reminder: Please can you ensure your child has the correct P.E kit.**

## IPC / RE

This half term pupils will be taught Religious Education. During the last two weeks of term we will be building on prior knowledge of a range of religions, promoting their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. In order to develop a holistic understanding of religious education, learning will be focused on a particular aspect of religion, such as cultural stories, festivals or symbols. The children will also have the opportunity to relate this learning to their own ideas and experiences.

During RE the children will carry out an Art based activity that will explore tone using different grades of pencils and pastels, and create patterns using different colours.

## Computing

Computing will be taught in a cross curricular way through the use of PCs and iPads. At the beginning of each lesson involving ICT resources, discussions and teaching about acceptable use and e-safety will take place; ensuring children are always safe and responsible. This term the children will learn programming and game building through iPad apps such as 'Scratch' and 'Bloxels'. The children will also use search engines for research and learn how to navigate Microsoft programmes such as 'Word' and 'PowerPoint'.

**Please ensure your child is frequently accessing the Home Learning Zone via the school website at least three times a week.**

### **School visits & community links**

We look forward to our trip to the Science museum this term, where our focus will be centered on our science unit of forces and magnets.

# Home / School Partnership

## Home Learning

*(All home learning will be given out on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday)*

- Each evening the children should read for at least 15 minutes in addition to using Bug Club at least 3 times a week, with a focus on the comprehension activities.
- The children should practise their times table each day, ready for their mixed multiplication test on Friday.
- Children will receive weekly literacy and numeracy home learning that will support their learning within the classroom.
- The children should learn their spelling words each week ready for their test on Thursday / Friday.
- Lexia is available for use at home for some of the children in Year 3 to boost their reading and spelling skills. Children on the Lexia programme will be able to access lessons during the school week but we urge them to do as many lessons at home as they can. Your child should have received a letter at the end of term 1 containing access and password details. If you require another copy of this letter please inform your child's class teacher.

## Extended Schools Activities/Clubs for Year

- Cheer leading
- Gymnastics
- Cross Country
- Football club
- Handwriting club
- ICT club

*For further information about these clubs please contact the school office or review our website*

## Parent Support

We cannot stress enough the importance of the home learning and daily reading that you do at home with your child. The home learning directly links to topics that we have covered in school the daily reading will help impact on your child's comprehension and will help to build up their vocabulary by discussing the stories they are reading. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

If any parents would like to come in and support Year 3 through reading with the children, coming on school trips or at certain learning events (that we will inform you about in advance), please let your child's teacher know. We welcome support from you!

**Resources:**

**Skills/Opportunities:**

**Please contact your class teacher or the school office if you would like further information**