

Nevill Road Junior School 2015-2016



Welcome to Year 3

Our first topic this term is 'It's all Greek to me'.

This term we will be focusing on the following areas and skills:

English

Writing -

- Stories- monsters, heroes and princesses.
- Poetry- limericks and humour
- Recounts
- Instructions

Ongoing word and sentence work- (VCOP/SPAG)

- Vocabulary - Imperative verbs, adverbs, ambitious and interesting vocabulary.
- Conjunctions - joining words to make longer sentences, time connectives.
- Openers - beginning sentences in a variety of ways.
- Punctuation.
- Spelling strategies and investigation (in journals).
- Handwriting.

Speaking and Listening- Drama. Group and class discussions. Short presentations to the class.

Maths

Children will continue with Big Maths each morning. This will focus on developing mental calculation skills, number bonds and helping the children to learn their multiplication tables.

The children will be studying the following areas of Maths:

- Place value of numbers.
- Written and mental methods for addition and subtraction.
- Written and mental methods for multiplication.
- Geometry of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Measuring length.
- Fractions.
- Statistics (Bar charts, pictograms and tables).

PE days and lesson content:

All Y3 classes - Outdoor Games on Wednesday afternoons
- Indoor PE on Thursday afternoons

Please can PE kit remain in school throughout the week where possible in case of any unforeseen timetable changes.

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves.

Children without the correct PE kit will not be permitted to take part. A note will be written in their homework diary.

Science and Topic:

Forces

Compare how things move on different surfaces.

Contact and magnetic forces.

How magnets attract and repel.

Compare and group together materials.

Describe magnets as having two poles.

Light

To understand we need light to see.

To understand reflection.

To know why you should not look at the sun.

Shadow formation.

It's all Greek to me

Location of Greece and the surrounding countries.

When did the Ancient Greeks live?

Athens and Sparta

Ancient Greek soldiers

Ancient Greek gods

Greek myths

ICT - Word processing skills and simple programming using Scratch.

RE - Christianity: Jesus and His ministry.

PSHE - Getting on and Falling out. Anti-bullying week - Difference and Disability.

Art - Self portraits, pop art and seasonal activities.

Music - the children will be learning to play the recorder.

MFL - French.

Homework

In our Year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

- English and Maths homework is given out on a Monday to be returned by Friday.
- Brainbuilders - a project based optional homework, set and dated separately.
- Children should be heard read by an adult each evening for 10 minutes. Please record any comments in their Reading diary.
- Children should practise their times tables and the addition and subtraction mental calculations of 1 and 2 digit numbers throughout the week.

How you can help:

Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day.

Occasionally, pupils may be asked to bring in resources from home or to carry out research.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Mr Kinnear, Miss Roberts and Miss Dean.