

Nevill Road Junior School 2015-2016



Welcome to Year 3

Our topic this term are 'Forests around the World' & 'Around the World in 80 Days'.

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

English

Writing -

- Stories- adventure stories and fairy tales
- Poetry- Haiku and Tanka
- Non-Fiction- Explanation texts

Ongoing word and sentence work- 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 investigations
- Handwriting.

Speaking and Listening- Drama.

Group and class discussions.
Short presentations to the class.
Performance poetry.

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:

- Written and mental methods for addition and subtraction including money.
- Written and mental methods for multiplication and division.
- Geometry of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Measuring length, weight and capacity.
- Perimeter.
- Fractions.
- Statistics (Bar charts, pictograms and tables).

PE days and lesson content:

All Y3 classes - Outdoor Games on Wednesday afternoons run by an external coach.
- Indoor PE on Thursday afternoons

Your child's PE kit needs to remain in school throughout the week. Please ensure they have a waterproof jacket and trainers for outdoor PE.

All PE kits 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.

Science and Topic:

Plants

- Functions
- Requirements
- Water
- Life cycle of a flower

Animals including humans:

- Nutrition
- Skeletons & muscles

Forests around the world:

- Locating forests.
- Compare UK forests with rainforests.
- Understanding both physical and human geography.

Around the world in 80 days:

- Name locate and identify four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.
- UK, geographical regions, identifying human and physical characteristics
- Name main UK Rivers, hills and mountains
- Distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals

ICT - Desktop Publishing Skills & Programming.

RE - Islam & Hinduism

PSHE - Circle time - discussing any issues that arise in school.

Art - Drawing skills & comparing famous artists.

Music - Recorder with Mrs Lamont.

MFL - French: days of the week, months of the year & numbers to 20.

Homework

Homework will be set in line with the school's Homework policy:

- Maths homework is given out on a Monday to be returned by Friday.
- English homework to be given out on a Thursday and returned on Monday.
- Brain builders - a project based optional homework, set and dated separately.
- Children read each evening at least 10 minutes. Please continue to listen to your child read when possible and record any comments in their Reading diary.
- Children should practise their times tables, counting forwards and backwards in steps of 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100 and add and subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers mentally.

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, Mrs Rutherford and Miss Dean.