

Nevill Road Junior School 2016-2017



Welcome to Year 3

Our first topic this term is 'Ancient Civilizations'

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

English

Writing -

- Stories linked to the topic or Ancient Civilizations (Egypt)
- Recounts
- Character descriptions
- Instructions
- Newspaper reports



Ongoing word and sentence work- (VCOP/SPAG)

- Prepositions, adverbs, ambitious and interesting vocabulary.
- Conjunctions - joining words to make longer sentences, time conjunctions.
- Openers - beginning sentences in a variety of ways.
- Punctuation.
- Spelling strategies and investigation; homophones, prefixes, suffixes and word families.
- Handwriting.

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

Maths

Every day we 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 Tuesday afternoons

Timetable changes are sometimes unavoidable so please can PE kit remain in school throughout the week.

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.



Science and Topic:

Forces

- Compare how things move on different surfaces.
- Magnets - attraction and repulsion
- 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.



Ancient Civilizations

- The four ancient civilizations; Shang Dynasty, Indus Valley, Ancient Sumner and Ancient Egypt.
- Focus study of Ancient Egypt



ICT - Word Processing and E-safety

RE - Judaism

PSHE - Feeling Valued, Feelings & Worries, Making Choices, E-Safety, Keep Safe in the Dark, Roles & Responsibilities.

Art - Romero Britto, self-portraits and art from different cultures.

Music - The children will be learning to play the recorder. Recorder lessons will take place on a Thursday.

MFL - French.

Homework

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

- Spelling / English and Maths homework is given out on a Monday to be returned by Friday.
- Topic - a matrix homework will go out at the beginning of each term and children will be able to choose, then complete, a number of suggested activities
- Children should read daily for at least 10 minutes and be heard by an adult as often as possible.. Please record any comments in their Reading diary.
- Children should practise their times tables and mentally adding and subtracting 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, Mrs Rutherford and Miss Dean.

