

Broadening Horizons Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 1 Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy term in Year 3. We hope this letter will give you a flavour of what we will be learning, and some ideas for a homework project you can help your child with and bring into school during week beginning 18th October.

Thank you for supporting your child by reading regularly every day at home and completing the reading, spelling and maths homework posted on to Google Classroom weekly.

Kind regards, Mrs Dovey & Mr Cook



The World Outside Our Window Outdoor learning * Environmental * Global



We want our children to understand that learning occurs everywhere, inside and outside. The important thing is to seize opportunities, be positive and seek out new challenges. By having a curriculum with a strong focus on outdoor learning, and an assumption that we will not give up easily, we teach our children to be resilient, determined and to see things through. This half term we will have a particular focus on outdoor learning and the benefits it provides for our children.

English

For the beginning of this half term, we will be exploring the fiction book 'Paper Bag Princess'. Children will be working towards writing their own version of the story. They will focus on using a range of punctuation learnt in KS1.

Homework Project: Write a fact page about your favourite book character. Try to include as many interesting facts as you can, along with a drawing and labels.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin the year looking at place value. We will revise partitioning 2-digit numbers before moving on to 3-digit numbers. Afterwards, we will move on to look at addition and subtraction.

Homework Project: Use resources that can be found around the home to make your own three-digit numbers. For example the leaves may represent hundreds, sticks may represent tens and stones represent ones.

Science

Forces and Magnets: In this unit children will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling, and will identify different actions as pushes or pulls.

Homework Project: You can undertake a science experiment to find everyday objects around your house, which are magnetic, by using a fridge magnet.

Humanities	<p>History: Egyptians: They will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. The children will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.</p> <p>Homework Project: Have a go at making a 3D pyramid using materials of your choice.</p>
Creative	<p>ART: British Artists: In this unit, children will also have the opportunity to explore the work of British artists Thomas Gainsborough, Lucian Freud, Howard Hodgkin, Anish Kapoor, Paula Rego and Sonia Boyce.</p> <p>Homework Project: You can choose a traditional tale and design a front cover.</p>
PSHE	<p>Being Me in My World: In this unit, children will learn why it is important to have rules and how that helps them and others in their class learn. They will understand why it is important to feel valued.</p> <p>Homework Project: Design your own island. Explain all the features your island has that makes it special to you.</p>
RE	<p>Islam: Children will find out where Islam originated, about special places linked to Islam and about key festivals in Muslim life. The children will also learn about symbols in Islam, the Muslim holy book and the main beliefs held by Muslims.</p> <p>Homework Project: Create a poster explaining the different symbols in Islam, building on your existing knowledge.</p>
Computing	<p>Programming Turtle Logo and Scratch: children use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen, and then further develop algorithms using the “repeat” command. These skills are then developed by teaching children to create algorithms in Scratch using a selection of blocks.</p> <p>Homework Project: Complete a coding activity from the Hour of Code website. https://studio.code.org/s/starwarsblocks/stage/1/puzzle/1</p>
PE	<p>Invasion Games: Pupils will develop their understanding of the principles of attacking and defending in invasion games and learn skills such as marking and dodging. Children will have the opportunity to take part in individual, paired and small group activities as well as to play a range of team games to enable them to practise and improve their skills.</p>
Important dates and information	<p>Half-term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October.</p>