

Year 3

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday and that the children have come back well rested and ready for another successful term!

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. We would like to have a push on times tables and spellings. They are both crucial skills and we value the support you give.

As always, our door is open if you have any questions or comments about the children's learning.

Miss Hastings and the Year 3 Team

English:

This term we will be reading the **Fox and the Ghost King** and **George's Marvellous Medicine**.



Children will learn to:

- Complete research
- Write an explanation
- Write instructions
- Write a persuasive advert
- Develop their grammatical knowledge and comprehension skills.

Children will continue to read weekly as part of our reciprocal reading sessions. It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reciprocal reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

In Creative Writing sessions, children will be demonstrating their understanding of writing at a Year 3 level and therefore it is important that they are here for all sessions so as to build their portfolio.

Remember to read at least 5 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal!

Also, practise your spellings every day so that you become a super speller! Links are included on spelling homework to enable children to develop their understanding of spelling rules.

Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

1	Rounding and subtraction
2	Addition and subtraction (mental)
3	Multiplication (grid method)
4	Measurement: Time
5	Measurement: Time
6	Angles, 2D shapes and perimeter
7	Addition and subtraction (written methods)
8	Statistics and data
9	Fractions
10	Measurement: Weight

Remember to practise your times tables daily using Times Tables Rockstars! Passwords have been stuck into the front of Learning Logs.

P.E.

This half term pupils will be developing their skills in Dance. PE will now take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please remember to bring indoor PE kit for these sessions.

Science

This term we are looking at **Animals, including Humans**. We will learn about the following areas:

- **Food and nutrition**
- **Types of skeleton**
- **What a skeleton is used for**
- **Muscles**

The children will develop scientific enquiry skills through practical sessions.



Creative Curriculum - Earth, Wind and Fire

This term the children will focus on physical geography and will be learning about the Earth and its features.

We will be learning about earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes and flooding. Children will develop an understanding of where, how and why these occur. They will also develop their map reading and orienteering skills.

Children will have the opportunity to make a volcano and carry out an explosive eruption experiment! As part of this unit, we will be visiting Bradgate Park – more information to follow!



Religious Education

We believe that it is important for children to be able to consider the viewpoints of others and respect their similar and differing views. In our sessions, we will be learning about beliefs from a range of faiths and also those who are not religious.



Through RE sessions, we will be looking at the following topics:

- Values: What matters the most?
- How did the world come into being and why should we care for it?
- Who is my neighbour?
- What is the purpose of Lent?

Children will have the opportunity to reflect on their own views and beliefs.

Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

During this term, we will be focusing on being able to identify and manage risk and being part of a diverse community.

Important Dates:

- 29th January – Year 3 Parent Workshop (2:45–3:15)
- 5th February – Safer Internet Day
- 6th February – Library Visit
- 15th February – School closes for Half Term (Re-opens **25th February**)
- 27th February – 5th March – Book Fair
- 1st March – World Book Day
- 15th March – Red Nose Day
- TBC – Year 3 Trip to Bradgate Park
- 1st April? - Year 3 Class Assembly
- 12th April – School closes for Easter (re-opens **29th April**)