

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 3 Term 2 2021/22

Welcome to Term 2 of Year 3! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to go for Term 2. There is lots going on this term so keep an eye on the date. I will post reminders on ClassDojo to help all of us.

### Important Dates for Term 2

- 12.11.21 – Individual Photos
- 15.11.21 – Odd Socks Day
- 17.11.21 – Anti-Bullying Week Learning Afternoon
- 2.12.21 – Book at Bedtime
- 8.12.21- Year 3 Class Assembly
- 17.12.21 – Christmas Learning Afternoon and last day of term.

### Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs,' which was written by Jon Scieszka. We will be focussing on using on inferring the thoughts and feelings of the characters and how the characters are different to the traditional

story. We will write our own version of the story on what we think really happened.

Towards the end of the term, we will also be authoring a report on Europe, linking to our wider curriculum aims this term.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills within our writing sessions.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, making inferences, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.

### Mathematicians



In this term, we will be solving problems with addition and subtraction. We will look at different methods of adding and subtracting mentally including partitioning and bridging to ten.

We will then move on to using written methods to add and subtract accurately. We will be applying the skills we learn to different problems and using reasoning skills to explain how we got this answer.

It is important that your child continues to log into Times Tables Rockstars. This will help prepare them for our upcoming focus on multiplication and division. Our leader board in the classroom is updated weekly.

### Kindness in the Classroom



Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is caring. We will learn how to care for themselves and for others. Children will learn a range of strategies for understanding and managing stress so they can care for themselves. Following this, we will learn how to identify ways they can care for others. We will also be thinking about empathy and how children can show compassion for others through empathy, by personally identifying with situations they observe or are part of.

## We are Geographers

This term we will be Geographers in Year 3. We will start by looking at Bristol and its landmarks then identifying cities in the South West of the UK. We will continue our learning by identifying cities and regions in the UK as well as their characteristics. We will then 'zoom out' further and look at the continent of Europe, identifying countries and cities as well as describe the distinctive characteristics of the different regions. We will be developing our geography and map skills by using Atlas' and maps to support our learning.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching a range of skills to our class every **Thursday**. Miss Gilbert will be following our Real PE curriculum with us on a **Wednesday** afternoon. This term we will focus on balance and agility.



We are continuing to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will also be encouraged to use TimesTables Rockstars as much as possible to support their learning in maths. We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please contact myself through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Gilbert