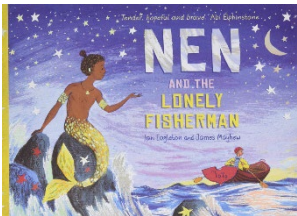


# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 3 Term 3 2021/22

Happy New Year! Welcome to Term 3 of Year 3! We hope you all had a lovely holiday break and are ready to go for Term 3. Here are some important dates for the term. I will post reminders on ClassDojo to help all of us.

### Readers and Authors



This term, we will study the book 'Nen and the lonely fisherman,'. We will be focussing on using on using our prediction skills to predict what will happen next based on what we already know and inference skills to infer a characters thoughts and feelings. We will write our own version of the story with an alternative ending at the end of the term while also continuing to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including vocabulary choice, making inferences based on clues from the text, 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 multiplication and division. We will be exploring mental and written methods to work out

multiplication and division problems. We will be focussing on our 3x, 4x and 8x times tables as well as recapping our 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

At the end of the term, we will be moving on to fractions.

It is important that your child continues to log into Times Tables Rockstars. This will help your child learn and practise important multiplication and division facts and support our learning in class . Our leader board in the classroom is updated weekly. If you are unsure of your childs username and password, please contact me through Class Dojo or at the end of the day.

## We are Scientists

This term, we are being scientists.

We will begin by immersing ourselves in The Water Cycle through dance, and drama then using our scientific enquiry skills to conduct an experiment to research this further. We will also be exploring plants and insects.

We will be dissecting plants, looking at their key features and what they need to survive.

We will also be investigating insects and learn how we can classify them.

Throughout the unit, we will be using the key scientific skills such as enquiry, prediction, setting up a fair test and recording and presenting the data we find.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching a range of skills to our class every **Thursday**.

We will be following our Real PE curriculum on a **Tuesday** afternoon. This term we will focus on coordination and balance.



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 morning.



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 5 x a week**. 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 an adult through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Dorse, Ms Smaka and Miss Allan