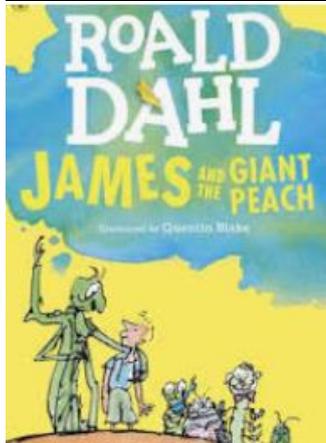


# Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Term 4 2019/20

Welcome to Term 4! We have had a strong start to the term and have been really enjoying our learning in all areas of the curriculum.

## Readers and Writers



In Whole Class Reading, we have started reading *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. We have enjoyed getting to know the different

characters and we have been working on our inference and retrieval skills. We have also been studying this text in our writing lessons. We have looked at the character of James and how he feels when the magical peach starts to grow. We will be writing a diary entry in character as James. We have used drama to immerse ourselves and have been learning about subordinate clauses so we can add lots of detail to our writing.

## Mathematicians

We have now finished our maths work on fractions, which the children have really enjoyed. Our learning in Maths is now going to be measure, perimeter and time. In measure we have been learning about different units of measurement and the relationship between centimetres, millimetres and metres. We will also be looking at mass and capacity. We will learn how to find the perimeter of different shapes, and we will also recap telling the time to the nearest quarter, the nearest five minutes, as well as learning how to tell time to the



nearest minute.

## Artists



This term in art we have been looking at the work of famous artist Firelei Baez. We discussed our opinions of which paintings we liked and didn't like. We have also learnt about contrasting colours and made our own colour wheel using oil pastels. We will be using our knowledge of colour and oil pastels to create a final piece in the style of this artist.

## Historians

This term we have a big history focus. We have been immersing ourselves in the world of European explorers from around 500 years ago, learning about John Cabot and his famous ship, The Matthew. We will also be learning about Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh, as well as other European explorers. We will be visiting MShed on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March for a workshop called 'Ships and Sailors'.

Our P.E sessions will now be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has full P.E kit.

**This is a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers.**



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten 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, we will also continue to set tasks on Mathletics for the children to access online at [mathletics.com](http://mathletics.com)

Please find time to also read with your child every day. The children should be independently filling these in but parent support with this is very much appreciated. Reading diaries will be checked every Friday morning.

Yours Sincerely, Miss Wheeldon