

# Sheen Mount Primary School



## Autumn Term Update for Year 3 – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome to what promises to be a very busy and exciting year! The information below outlines our main topics of work and ways in which you can help your child.

### Reading

As in Year 2, reading remains of paramount importance. Your child will be heard regularly in whole class, group-reading, or one to one sessions and, in order to develop their higher order skills, it is very important that you continue listening and discussing books with your child at home. To help your child progress in their writing, it is essential they experience high quality texts to widen their vocabulary and syntax; therefore please read to them as well as listening to them read!

### Writing

We will be continuously consolidating and learning new skills in grammar, spelling and punctuation and improving our sentence structures. We will be writing diary entries, stories, poems, newspaper recounts and persuasive letters. We will be using the class core texts, Major Glad, Major Dizzy and The Firework Maker's Daughter, to inspire our writing.

### Speaking & Listening – Soap Box

Each week, one child from each class will be allocated a time to share something that really interests them with the rest of their class. This is to help the children develop their public speaking and listening skills and is intended to raise their self-esteem. They could make their own PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation which can be either uploaded on the Google Classroom or emailed to the office. This may include photographs, maps or videos from places they have visited or a topic they're interested in. Their talk should last no longer than 10 minutes and it will be followed by a Q&A session.

### Maths

This term we will focus on place value with numbers up to 1,000, addition and subtraction.

The children will spend some time practising their times table fact recall every week. By the end of Year 3 they are expected to be able to recall all times table facts (up to 12) for 2, 10, 5, 4, 3 and 8 times table. We will give them log in details for Times Table Rockstars which is an online resource they can use at home. Please help them to learn their target table. You will also find some useful resources on the Year 3 Google Classroom.

### Science

Our topic for the first half term is light and shadow and the topic after half term is rocks and soil. We will focus on increasing our knowledge through observations and experiments.

### Computing

Children will be learning about e-safety with a focus of staying safe online and keeping their personal details private.

### History and Geography

In the first half term, our focus will be on finding out how life in Britain changed between the Stone Age and the Iron Age and in the second half term we will be comparing Richmond upon Thames with other Richmonds around the world, particularly examining the differing climates.

### PE

There will be two PE sessions a week, one indoor (Thursday) and one outdoor (Tuesday).

### Art, Design Technology and Music

Our focuses in art and design this term are sculpting (Stone Age necklaces) and sketching (Stone Age tools). In music, we will look at the BBC Ten Pieces with a focus on both classic and contemporary. In D&T we will be sewing.

## **RE**

In RE we will continue to study world religions and thereby gain a better understanding of the ways in which people worship.

### **Routines, Dates and Events**

- Outdoor PE will be on a Tuesday for all of Year 3 and indoor PE will be on a Thursday. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days.
- If your child has an individual music lesson then please make sure their instrument is in school on the day of the lesson.

### **Google Classroom Homework**

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be completed by 9am the following Tuesday morning.

### **How to help at home**

- When reading with your child, use every opportunity to develop their comprehension skills.
- Encourage them to read a wide variety of texts e.g. newspapers and magazines, as well as a broad range of story types.
- Further practise using dictionaries and thesauruses in conjunction with their homework.
- Encourage your child to talk about numbers in everyday situations e.g. shopping, telling the time on an analogue and digital clock, reading timetables, cooking and number rhymes.
- Regular times table practice.
- Ask your child to talk about the work that they have been doing in science and encourage them to use the correct scientific vocabulary.
- Homework will often involve investigation and research. Please help develop their research skills by using information books, the local library and the internet.

Kind regards,

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