

Brookland Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2026



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and intonation when reading aloud through various texts including, 'The Creakers' and 'The Last Firefox.'

Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write neatly in joined, cursive handwriting where possible, focusing on our short letters, ascenders and descenders being consistent heights.

Writing

The children will be consolidating and extending their spelling and grammar knowledge, and will be writing for a range of purposes. Our writing will be based on the following texts during the Spring term:

- The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland
- Stella and the Seagull



Maths

During this term, Year 3 will be covering a range of topics including: measurement, multiplying and dividing by 4, partitioning to multiply, partitioning to divide, telling the time to the minute and fractions.

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- Playing quick fire games to add and subtract numbers up to 1000 mentally whenever possible
- Telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and to five minutes intervals
- Knowing their times tables for x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10

Science

During Spring 1, the children will be learning about 'Minerals, Rocks and Soils'. We will cover:

- How rocks are formed
- How rocks are broken into sediments from forces of nature
- Types of rocks and fossils



In Spring 2, the children will be learning about 'Energy, Light and Shadow'. This will include:

- How shadows are formed
- Changing the size, shape and position of shadows
- How light travels through translucent, transparent and opaque materials

History

Our first topic is 'The Ancient Civilizations'. We will be studying the achievements of

PSHE+C

Our PSHE lessons will be focused on 'Dreams and Goals'. They will explore setting realistic goals and how they can be achieved. We will discuss perseverance when finding things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner.

Geography

Our second geography topic this term is 'Maps: Can I use and follow compass directions?'. We will be using maps, atlases, compasses and Ordnance Survey digital mapping to read, use and locate different environmental features on maps.



RE

In Spring 1, we will study and learn about Islam focusing on what Muslims believe about the origins and authority of the Qur'an.

In Spring 2, we will learn about Christianity and why Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday'.

Art

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on '3D abstract shape and space'. We will focus on joining materials in different ways and applying our knowledge of structure to create a 3D Art project.

Design and Technology (DT)

During DT this term, we will be cooking seasonal tarts. We will be learning about where food comes from (all around the world) and the benefits of seasonal foods. The children will learn how to follow a recipe and will practise their cutting and peeling skills.

Spanish

We will be learning about 'Los Instrumentos' (Instruments). Children will learn about 10 familiar instruments and will learn to spell some of these nouns with their definite article/determiner in Spanish.

Music

This term, the children will be learning how to compose using their imagination and will be learning about different musical styles. They will continue to go to Haileybury school for specialist music lessons.

PE

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Dance: Wild Animals (Spring 1)
- Outdoor Adventurous Activities: Communication and Tactics (Spring 1)
- Hockey (Spring 2)
- Tennis (Spring 2)

Home Learning

Year 3 home learning will be based on the spelling patterns we have been learning in class or grammar work will be set in their CGP books. We also set a minimum reading expectation of 10 minutes each day, at least 3 times a week.

We will also set times tables practise and maths homework in their maths CGP books, which will be sent home every Friday. We will go through the answers with the children on Thursdays.



Reminders

PE lessons are on **Mondays and Tuesdays** every week. Please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn into school for these days. Please ensure your child is in the **correct school uniform** on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **every day**. We will change books every Tuesday and Friday.

All children's belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility and should be **clearly named**.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school with them every day.

Communication with teacher

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email:

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Moving Forward Together

the first civilisations; an overview of when
and where the first civilizations appeared.

