



### **Guided Reading**

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and inference through various texts including the Last Firefox. We will also focus on vocabulary used within varied texts.

### **Handwriting**

Children are encouraged to write neatly in joined handwriting where possible.

### **Writing**

Our writing will be based on the following texts during the Summer term:

- Speak up
- Wolf in the snow
- Festivals
- Iron man
- Poetry-Joseph Coelho

### **Maths**

During this term, Year 3 will be covering a range of topics including: fractions of amounts, problems with time, mass and capacity, scaling, duration, adding lengths and subtracting lengths. We will also revise topics taught in the Spring Term.

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.
- Knowing their times tables for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10

### **Science**

During the Summer Term 1, the children will be learning about 'rocks and soils'. We will cover:

- grouping rocks based on their appearance and physical properties
- the process of fossil formation
- comparing soils and how they are formed.

In Summer 2, we will be conducting a series of experiments to raise awareness and spark enthusiasm for science..

### **Spanish**

We will be focusing on 'fruits' (la fruta). They will be focusing on 10 common

### **History**

During Summer term 1 our History topic is 'The Egyptians'. We will be studying the Egyptians, pyramids and Pharaohs and develop an understanding of what life was like during this civilisation.

### **Geography**

During Summer 1, our Geography topic is 'Mountains'. We will be looking at how mountains are formed. They will identify them on a map and understand the pros and cons of living amongst a mountain range in Iceland.

### **RE**

In Summer 1, we will study and learn about 'Justice and Fairness' and consider how Christian stories illustrate the importance of making just and fair choices.

Next half term, we will be looking at the areas of symbols and actions of both the Christian and Muslim communities and making comparisons.

### **PSHE**

Our PSHE lessons during Summer 1 will be focused on 'Relationships'. They will revisit family relationships and identify the different expectations and roles that exist within the family home.

We will be sending you further information about PSHE lessons in Summer 2.

### **Art**

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on 'Ancient Egyptian Scrolls'. We will explore Ancient Egyptian art and will be making our own Egyptian scrolls.

### **Design and Technology (DT)**

This term, we will be constructing a castle. We will carry out research on castles and look closely at the features of a castle. Then we will design and make our own castles using junk modelling.

### **Music**

This term, the children will be learning how to play nursery rhymes on the glockenspiels.

### **PE**

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Athletics
- Quidditch
- Football
- Rounders

### **Home Learning**

Year 3 home learning will be based on the spelling patterns we have been learning in class, reading (a minimum of 10 minutes 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 Thursday.

### **Reminders**

PE lessons are on **Mondays** every week. Please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn into school for these days.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **every day**. We will change books every Tuesday and Friday. Please sign reading records when read at home.

**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 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: [hawthorn@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hawthorn@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk) [sycamore@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sycamore@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk)

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fruit nouns with their determiners in Spanish.