

Brookland Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and intonation through various texts including the worst witch.



Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write in joined handwriting where possible.

Writing

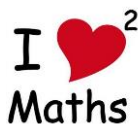
Our writing will be based on the following texts during the Autumn term:



- The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse
- The paper bag princess.
- Dr Xargle and the earth hounds.
- The magic box poem.
- The star in the jar,

Maths

During this term, Year 3 will be covering a range of topics including:



- 2D/3D shapes
- Place value of numbers up to 1000.
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Telling the time

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 five minutes intervals
- Knowing their times tables for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10

Science

The children will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'. We will cover:

- Food groups
- The skeletal system
- How Muscles work



In Autumn 2, the children will be learning about Rocks and Fossils. This will include comparing different types of rocks on the bases of their appearance and simple physical properties.

Geography

Our first Geography topic this term is 'Extreme Earth'. We will be using maps, atlases and Google Earth to identify where in the world volcanoes and earthquakes are found. We will be identifying key words and discussing the Earth's tectonic plates.

History

Our second topic is 'Stone Age to Bronze Age'. We will be studying different aspects from this period of time and will be explaining how important the materials were for making tools and weapons and how this evolved in Great Britain and across the world.

RE

In Year 3, we study and learn about Islam and Christianity. In our RE lessons, we will be learning about Islam before half term. After half term, we will study a unit on Christianity and comparing the two religions, looking at similarities and differences.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will be focused on the children's wellbeing and settling into a new school year.

Art

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on the artist 'Rosemary Pierce'. We will be exploring complementary and contrasting colours and the use of line and shape.

Design and Technology (DT)

During DT this term, we will be learning to make Pneumatic toys. For this topic we will need boxes with hinged lids, plastic bottles and empty packaging.

We would really appreciate if you could collect and bring in as many of these items as you can as we will need these for Autumn 2.

Spanish

We will be learning Spanish words for numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year and basic greetings.



Music

This term, we will be identifying instruments in different pieces of music as well as finding the beat. We will be singing and performing songs and accompanying ourselves on the glockenspiels.

PE

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Ball skills
- Dance
- Handball

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 and Tuesdays** every week. Please ensure 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.

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 everyday.

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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