

# Brookland Junior School

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

### Guided Reading

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and intonation through various texts including Wildsmith into the dark forest.



### Handwriting

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

### Writing

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

- Atlas adventures
- Last Bear
- Stella and the Seagull
- Star in the jar
- The Street beneath our feet
- Joseph Coelho-poetry



### Maths

During this term, Year 3 will be covering a range of topics including: complements to 100, estimating answers, Inverse operations, multiplying and dividing by 4 and 8, partitioning to multiply and divide, telling the time to the minute, fractions, money, turns, angles, horizontal, parallel, vertical and perpendicular lines.

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

During Spring 1, the children will be learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. We will cover:

- How things move on different surfaces
- Observe how objects attract and repel
- Materials that are attracted to a magnet



In Spring 2, the children will be learning about 'Light'. This will include how light is reflected from surfaces, the dangers of light from the sun and how shadows are formed.

### Geography

Our first Geography topic this term is 'Cheshunt and the local area'. We will be using maps, atlases and Google Earth to identify where places are located in the UK including Cheshunt.

### History

Our second topic is 'The Ancient Civilisations'. We will be studying the achievements of the first civilisations, an overview of when and where the first civilisations appeared.

### 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'.

### PSHE

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.

### Art

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on 'Drawing'. We will focus on how artists use shape in drawing, how to create tone in drawing by shading, understand how texture can be created and used to create art and observational drawings,

### 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 practise their cutting and peeling skills.



### Spanish

We will be learning about 'La Fruta' (The fruits) in Spanish. This includes naming, recognising and remembering up to 10 fruits in Spanish. Attempting to spell some of these nouns with their correct article/determiner. They should be able to ask somebody in Spanish if they like a particular fruit and say what fruits they like and dislike.

### Music

This term, the children will be learning how to sing a famous song by the artist 'Bob Marley'. They will be composing and improvising and begin to understand musical notation.

### PE

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Tennis



### 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 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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