



Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break, and are feeling ready for an exciting new term.

Literacy

To begin this term, in Literacy we will be focusing on a book called 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. Writing based on this text will take a variety of different forms, with the children producing work such as: recounts, character descriptions, and writing their own versions of the story. In addition to this, Year 3 will then explore the book 'Stella and the Seagull' by Georgina Stevens and Izzy Burton. This book will help us to focus on a different style of writing, and we will be writing persuasive speeches and arguments. After half term, we will then move on to various other texts such as; 'Jabari Jumps' by Gaia Cornwall and 'Ralph Tells a Story' by Abby Hanlon. We will also have a poetry focus. Children will continue to develop their vocabulary and their use of punctuation and spellings throughout all of these topics. Spelling is also exclusively taught three times a week.

Reading will continue to be practised daily. In addition to our daily Guided Reading sessions, children have various opportunities to complete their Accelerated Reader quizzes. Please ensure that your children are reading their books at home and bringing them in to school every day, so that they are able to complete their quiz and change their books.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build on the strategies we have already learned throughout our fluency sessions. New strategies we will be looking at for the first few weeks of this term include; multiplication and division, statistics and fractions. After half term, we will then move on to looking at multiplication in more depth. Please continue to support your children with practicing their times tables, we are particularly focusing on our 3- and 4- and 8- times tables. Mathematics is a fantastic way for the children to practice maths, and tasks will be regularly set for homework. Please ask if you need your child's log in.

Science

In Science this term we will be covering two different topics. We will begin the term looking at healthy eating, healthy bodies, and after half term we will move on to looking at investigating plants. Science teaching often takes on a practical approach.

Foundation Subjects

History and Geography are taught on a half-termly basis, this is the same with Art and DT. Our Geography topic this term is the Thames basin. Children will explore various different areas throughout this topic such as, the key arguments as to why the river Thames is so important to London. History will be after half term and our topic is The Stone Age. Children will explore what life was like in this time period. Art will be taught this term. We will be looking at Landscapes, then moving on to Cave Art. Year 3 have thoroughly been enjoying learning French, and our topic this term in French is musical instruments. Our RE theme this term is Christianity. We will be looking at Jesus' miracles and the Easter story. Our PSHE



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topic is 'Dreams and Goals' and we will be continuing to follow the Jigsaw scheme. The Computing topics for the term are 'Touch Typing' and 'Email' following the Purple Mash computing scheme. As always E-safety and learning to use technology safely underpins throughout our computing curriculum. In Music, the children will continue to follow the school Charanga scheme, which includes opportunities to play instruments as well as sing and compose.

P.E

PE days will now be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. On a Thursday, children will be taught PE by GC Sports, and on Wednesday by Miss Webb. Please ensure that your child comes to school on PE days wearing their PE kit and have suitable clothing for all weathers.

Homework

We will continue to give out creative homework based on our current topics. Children will have a selection of tasks to pick from and homework will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term.

If you have any questions, please come in after school, or make an appointment at the office or via email at admin@longlands.herts.sch.uk

Thank you,

Miss Webb (**Class Teacher**)