



# Class 3 Curriculum Update

## May 2023

**Values: happiness and determination**

### *Under the canopy - rainforests.*

Our new theme is all about rainforests. We will be focusing on the habitats they provide and how deforestation is affecting many species and areas. The children have always shown an interest in animals when we have learnt about other areas so I am confident they will enjoy this theme. We will have a heavy focus on Values within this and do lots of work around developing global awareness around supermarket products that derive from the rainforest. Although much of our learning will be around our Geography skills we will use our writing skills to communicate and share our research and learning.

### **Maths**

As mathematicians, we have been exploring time. This is something that you can really support with at home. Encourage children to tell you the time looking at analogue clocks. We have been trying to tell the time to the minute but if you can support with o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past then that would be fantastic.

Key facts your children need to know and remember by the end of year 3 are:

There are 12 months in a year.

There are 52 weeks in a year.

There are 365 days in the year.

There are 7 days in a week.

There are 24 hours in a day.

An hour is 60 minutes.

One minute is 60 seconds.

Knowing how many days in each month.

Thirty days hath September,  
April, June, and November;  
All the rest have thirty-one,  
Excepting February alone,  
And that has twenty-eight  
days clear  
And twenty-nine in each leap  
year.

Please encourage your children to learn these facts so they can recall this information instantly.

### **Homework**

The children have weekly homework.

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per day.

Reading - The children should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day and record this so that it will count towards their 40 reads.

Spelling - Spelling Shed. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per day.

Research task - research a rainforest animal of your choice. Find as much information as possible because we will be writing about these animals after half term.

# Talk away, don't walk away.

Courtyard Project to raise awareness of mental health for young people.

We are so unbelievably proud of class 3 and their participation in this project. The fun that was had at the start when we learned about how we can improve our mental health was amazing. The workshop with Jamie engaged all children and prepared them for what we needed to do. This followed with us writing our own lyrics to a sea shanty to show what we try to do to make ourselves feel better and to keep our bodies and minds healthy. The children enjoyed this part of the process too. There was lots of time spent practising following the composition of our song and bringing together the performance, which we are all super proud of.

On the day we visited the courtyard, we had a long day however the children behaved perfectly, engaged well in the activities that were planned and delivered and really enjoyed a very long day! They went through so many emotions and so many of them overcame some challenging moments. It was a superb experience for everyone.



Circle time - we have started with small circle times in boy and girl groups to discuss the meaning of our values and how we show them. We will continue with circle times where the focus will remain on friendship and what this looks like and how it should make us feel. We will reflect on how we talk to each other and more importantly about taking responsibility for our own actions and words.

Please be reassured that incidents of children falling out are rare in school. However, there are times when our Year 3 class can be a little bossy towards each other, which can be upsetting. If there are any incidents that raise concern, parents will receive a phone call to explain what has happened.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries. We are always happier to get things sorted at the earliest possible time.

The Year 3 team.