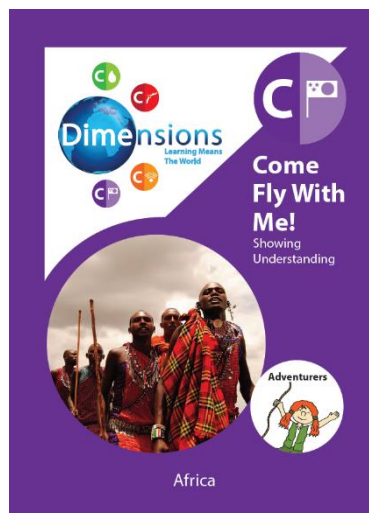


Class 3 Curriculum Update

September 2024

September's Values: Empathy and diversity

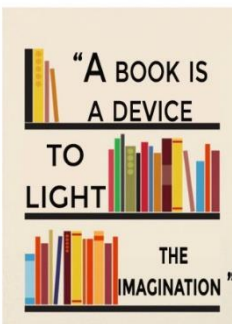


Welcome to the first curriculum update of the Autumn Term and Year 3. Year3's first theme, as part of our dimensions curriculum is Come Fly with me - Africa, with a key focus on geography and history. Pupils will be learning about the location of Africa and identifying its largest countries. Alongside this geography element, they will study the Benin era. They will also learn about African culture, in particular typical African food and folk tales. The children have made a great start with their general behaviour and attitude.

I am really looking forward to working with all the children this year and getting to know them better.

Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. **Spelling Shed** and **TTRockstars** (times tables practice) are the main homework the children will do in Year 3. The children's log ins remain the same from last year and are in each child's reading record inside the front cover. It is expected that the children go on these every week. Two or three games per day, Monday to Friday, is great as little and often is best.

Reading. The expectation for reading in Year 3 is 10 -15 minutes a day to an adult. The children can now and should have their reading record and reading book in **every day**. It is their responsibility to change their book and find the right colour band. When the children are listened to in school, the adults will write in purple pen. When you listen to them at home please write in their reading record, even if it is not a school book. It would be great to see the children achieve 40, 80, 120, 160 and even 200 reads this year. The children will work on their comprehension skills weekly.



Dates for your diary and reminders

Forest School sessions are every other Tuesday, although children need old, warm functional clothing every Tuesday. These can include hats and gloves. Children should have their wellies in school at all times.

PE sessions are Wednesday and Thursday. Children should come into school in their PE kits. If they have long hair they should have a hairband to tie their hair back and tape to cover their ears if they wear earrings.

Marvellous Me. The children bring in their most precious items to share with the class. They are then asked questions up to their age about these items. Marvellous Me is shared in Year 3 on a Monday and a Thursday'

Rainbow Bear - Rainbow bear is given out on a Friday for the weekend and the children can blog what he has been up to with notes, photos, which are shared in the class on a Monday.

Class assembly - Friday 15th November

Encore Enterprise - Music lessons

The children have begun their music lessons this year with Mrs Goodard, every Thursday and are continuing to learn to play the ukulele this term. They will be learning this until the end of term and will change to other musical instruments later in the year.



Drama Geezers

Year 3, worked with the Drama Geezers to explore the value of diversity. The workshop began with a story of 'Alex' from 'Planet Alex' and the children helped him explore the diverse world we live in including visiting Africa, Japan and many other countries. Afterwards, we then looked at five famous people who have overcome challenges including discrimination in their lives.

- Lewis Hamilton, Mary Seacole, Sir Trevor McDonald, Nicola Adams and Claudia Jones

It was great to see the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment with drama and we will aim to build on this more throughout the year.

Star of the Day

Your child may well have come home with a Star of the Day t-shirt that they can wear at home for the night and bring back the next day. They should know the reason they are given it as it is shared in class with the children. Star of the Day is awarded for going over and above.



Keep checking out the updated photo gallery on the class page for photos and further information and learning guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.