



Class 3 Curriculum Update

October 2021

Values: Appreciation and Care

Come Fly with me - Africa.

The children have had such a fantastic time learning about Africa. They have been enthusiastic to learn about the different countries and have impressed me with the facts they have remembered about countries, their names and where they are on the continent. Learning about the history of the Benin era was more challenging but they have shown a good understanding of how and why communities have grown and developed. Next half term we will be learning about forces with our new theme 'May the force be with you'.

The class page of the website has been updated regularly so I hope you have been enjoying the photos that have been placed there to share learning with you. There has been photos to share our Art, Forest School, African drumming and African cooking. If you have not had the chance to see them then please do so over half term.

Please can I take this opportunity to say how proud I am of everyone in Year 3 for their recent PGL residential. I have heard nothing but praise for their positive attitudes and good manners.

Date for the diary:

Swimming every Monday. Please send your child with their swimming kit and a towel. Thank you for sending in consent for wearing goggles last half term - you do not need to do this again. There will be a change to the time we swim and we will be going in the afternoon. We will not return to school until approximately 3.30pm. Please collect your child from the village hall gate as normal.
Forest School: every Friday. Please wear the correct kit and bring a packed lunch. As it gets colder, layering up is very important so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately in old clothes.

Homework

The children will receive weekly homework.

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 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 children will have the same log in as last year. Games will build on the spelling patterns taught in class. They will also continue to learn the year 1/2 common exception words or begin learning the Year 3/4 words. Please see the class page for lists of these words so you can see the expectation. Please play 4 games per day.

Task linked to theme: Occasionally, there may be a task linked to our theme.

Reading.

In class, the children have had many opportunities to read and listen to stories. In the short time we have been back, we have read several picture books, completed a chapter book and read several traditional African tales. I have really enjoyed reading to your children and this is something that we all look forward to. Some of the books we have read in class are:






Every child is listened to read, at school, at least once per week but for this to be successful your child needs their reading book and reading record in school every day. Taking care of the reading record and the books is part of the Values we use at school and reading records should last the whole year. These are also a record of your child's reading progress and in addition are used to count their 40 reads achievement.

The expectation for homework is to read daily for a minimum of 15 minutes at home. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions to check their understanding. In addition to this, it is a great time to start talking about words that are interesting and find out their meaning; and please keep reading to your child because modelling reading is important and it allows them to develop their language and comprehension skills.

Finding books your child enjoys can be difficult but I highly recommend this list as a good starting point for finding books that all children should read when they are in Year 3.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

Happy reading everyone.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If you or your child have any concerns at any point please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. It is important we address anything early on.

Mrs Lee and the Year 3 team