

Year 3

In Year 3, the children will be entering their first year of the Key Stage 2 phase. They will move on to the new phase of the curriculum, developing their knowledge and skills even further. Year 3 provides a new opportunities for the children, not only moving to the juniors, but experiencing new skills and subjects.

The children will be taught from the National Curriculum, with an emphasis on learning through topics. These topics will be:

- Autumn 1- Magic
- Autumn 2- Charities
- Spring 1- Mythology
- Spring 2- Reading - celebrating books
- Summer 1- Invaders and Settlers
- Summer 2- Samba

English

Children will have opportunities to develop their reading and writing skills in a variety of contexts, such as stories from other cultures, explanation texts and poems. In writing, the focus will be on accuracy with spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as writing for an audience. In reading, children will be taught to comprehension skills and to develop a passion for reading. **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar** will be embedded in the English lessons.

Maths

There are four main areas within the Year 3 maths curriculum:

- Number including fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Statistics

In all areas, children will move from practical learning to abstract learning, e.g. from using equipment to support learning, to written methods. We will be teaching using a Singapore style approach to support children's development and confidence in maths.

Science

In Year 3, science learning is focused around investigating hypotheses, experimenting and beginning to understand how to set up a fair test. Children will develop their knowledge around:

- Animals (including humans)
- Plants
- Rocks
- Forces and Magnets
- Light

Religious Education

In RE children will learn about the beliefs and traditions within the six major world religions, including Sikhism and Christianity. They will be encouraged to discuss and share their ideas within a culture of respect. They will look at the natural world and develop their awareness of their world.

Physical Education

In Year 3, children have two PE sessions each week, one with their class teacher and one with a specialist sports coach. Throughout the year, children will develop their skills in a range of areas:

- Dance, including traditional dances from different countries
- Gymnastics, including use of the wall bars
- Athletics, including running, jumping and throwing
- Ball games, including football, tennis, basketball and rugby
- Team and individual games

Computing

In computing, children will learn to use and manipulate a range of devices, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, digital cameras, audio recording devices and programmable robots. They will begin to develop an understanding of coding and to create their own algorithms.

Topic

All other subjects will be taught as part of the topic learning, including history, geography, art, design & technology and music. This helps us to provide the children with a richer learning experience, where they are able to see the links within their learning.

Modern Foreign Languages

In key stage 2, the children will be given the opportunity to learn French. They will start in year 3 with basic vocabulary and grammar.

Parental involvement

Throughout a child's education, the influence of parents and carers is of utmost importance. The Year 3 team look forward to developing this influence as part of our partnership with you. Each half term, all children will bring home a homework project, with activities based around their in-class learning. Parents are encouraged to read with their children every day, and all children who have five or more comments in their home reading book in a week will become a 'star reader'. They will also bring home a set of spellings and times tables to learn each week.