



Grange Farm Primary School

Autumn in 3M

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all as Year 3 parents and to give you some information about the coming term for your children.

Year 3 forms a wonderful part of your children's journey through school. As it is the start of a new key stage, it comes with new routines, challenges and levels of responsibility that the children are already embracing. I am looking forward to working with the children during this part of their learning journey and aim to create some fantastic memories for them along the way. My door is always open if there is anything I can help with - please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Morris

English

This term in English we will be covering a variety of text types, including fictional stories, non-chronological reports and performance poetry. The children will be given many opportunities to write in different styles and will also be consolidating spelling, punctuation and grammar skills from Year Two.

Spelling

On a Thursday, children will be given weekly spellings to practice at home, using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write Check' strategy. This sheet should be returned by the following Thursday, when the children will be tested.

Reading

The children are responsible for changing their own reading book. Please could you sign the reading diary to say that your child has read at home during the week.

Homework

This term, the children will receive weekly homework relating to their guided reading text. This should be completed in the yellow reading journal and returned to school the following week. Homework days will vary depending on your child's guided reading group. More information on other homework opportunities will follow, later in the term.

This term's creative curriculum...

Our topics this term are 'Tremors' and 'Tribal Tales'. In 'Tremors', we will be exploring volcanic activity, earthquakes and rocks, as well as the fall of Pompeii and life in Ancient Rome. In 'Tribal Tales', we will be exploring all elements of prehistoric life and we will also be going on a very exciting trip! More details to follow!

Other Curriculum Areas

Some subjects will be taught separately from our main topic theme. In Computing, the children will be taught computer skills and will also work with Mrs Tigbe on coding. Mrs Harris will be working with the children to introduce them to languages with the first block of French. She will also be teaching them the first module of music, which begins with a look at R&B.

The children will be having weekly art lessons with our artist, Mrs Hall, who will be helping them to complete clay sculptures and photography linked to Pompeii.

PE Days

The children will be taking part in PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that kit is in school everyday, in case of any changes. These sessions will be led by a sports coach.

Dates / Trips

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Parents evenings this term are on March 15th and 16th. Please keep your eyes peeled for details on any upcoming trips and events.

Staff

Alongside myself, the children will be supported by Mrs Corkish and Mrs Weaver. They will also be familiar with our other Year 3 teacher, Mr Higginson.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details.

Maths

These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and most are covered each term:

- Count in 4s, 8s, 50s, 100s and tenths from zero
- Read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 1000
- Know the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers
- Find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
- Add and subtract ones, tens and hundreds to or from three-digit numbers mentally, two two-digit numbers where the answers could exceed 100
- Add and subtract three-digit numbers using formal written columnar methods
- Tables and division facts for x3, x4 and x8
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- Develop formal written multiplication and division methods for two-digit by one-digit numbers
- Begin to understand unit and non-unit fractions as numbers on a number line, and deduce relations between them, such as size and equivalence
- Measure the perimeter of simple shapes
- Tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue clocks
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
- Draw 2D and make 3D shapes
- Recognise and describe 3D shapes in different orientations
- Recognise that angles are a property of shape or a description of turn, using right angles as a marker
- Horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines
- Understand and use simple scales (e.g. 2, 5, 10 units per cm) in pictograms and bar charts
- Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas