

Wish you were here?

Year 3 Term 1 September 2020

Welcome to Year 3! We're starting our year with a topic which asks the question "Wish you were here?". Although we'll have fun talking and writing about our holiday experiences, our learning focus is a geographical one as we explore our local environment in the south west of England.

As well as writing different styles of letters, we will also be looking at a range of poetry based on observation and senses, shape poems and calligrams.

In maths, we are looking at place value and exploring the relationship between 1s, 10s and 100s.

In phonics, we will be revisiting Year 2 requirements before embarking upon the Year 3 spelling rules.

In science, we will be building on and developing what your child learnt in Year 2 about plants with a particular focus on the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

In RE, we will be exploring what Christians learn from the Creation story.

We will be finding out about E-safety in computing and about different ways in which to communicate using the Internet.

In art, we will be exploring colour mixing in the context of woodlands and nature.

Dates for your diary:

12th October - Individual Photos

Don't forget that break time snacks should be only fruit or vegetables.



Our PSHEE sessions will focus on wellbeing, giving the children the opportunity to express their concerns and frustrations about their long absence from school and to help them to re-engage with school life and relationships.

For the first term, our PE sessions will take place on Monday afternoons and we are doing athletics. Your child will need to come in to school wearing their PE kit: a T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE, and jogging trousers will also be necessary. PE will only be outdoors for the foreseeable future so please ensure that your child is dressed cosily! Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taped or removed for these sessions.

How you can help your child at home:

It is incredibly beneficial that you support your child's learning at home. Reading, spellings and times tables are the mainstays of Year 3's homework.

From time to time, there may be a pre-learning homework for a future lesson - usually reading through some information or (towards the end of the year) some research. Children will have at least a week to complete this flipped classroom homework. The day it is given out will depend on when it's needed. It won't necessarily be every week.

This term's activities have been planned so the transition from Year 2 and the long lockdown is as smooth as possible. Please remember that we are here to support you and your children, and we are always happy to chat about any concerns or ideas you may have. We can be contacted via email (via the office) and are always happy to discuss any queries or concerns with you.

**We are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding term working with you and your child.
Let's look after each other and keep safe.
The Year 3 Team**