



YEAR 3

Spring Term Newsletter 2023

Happy New Year to you all,

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the children for their hard work and achievements last term.

The children have settled back really well and we look forward to the upcoming term.

Please remember, if you have any queries or concerns you can contact the Y3 team directly on the following email address: y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk Your child's class teacher will respond by email within 2 working days.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring term!

From the Y3 team.



Mrs Gachette



Ms West



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Topic - I am Warrior!

I am Warrior! I am strong, brave and powerful. Meet me in battle. Draw your sword, wield your axe and challenge me if you dare. Invade and attack. Romans versus Celts, the fight is on. Discover warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar and find out what the Romans did for us. Get ready for Gladiator School and learn alongside Spartacus and Spiculus, brave fighters of the Roman Colosseum. When all that battling makes you hungry, relax, lie back and feast yourself on dormice and grapes, or



Maths

The children will continue to practise using multiplication and division methods to answer questions. We will then be moving on to a unit all about Money. Counting different amounts, working out change and converting between pounds and pence. We will then move on to our statistics unit by using tally charts, pictograms, bar charts and tables to record data. We will be ending the term with our measuring length and perimeter unit. The children will convert between mm, cm and m. Once children can accurately



English

This term we will be completing a fiction, a non-fiction and a poetry unit through our Talk 4 Writing approach. The children first learn a high-quality text off by heart through a range of written and drama activities. They then move on to planning and creating their own text using similar structures and vocabulary. We will continue to recap key writing skills such as using capital letters, full stops and paragraphs in our writing. Our main focus this term will be using descriptive language, selecting interesting vocabulary to describe how a character is

perhaps a roasted swan
sprinkled with nuts?

measure different lengths, they
will begin to calculate the
perimeter of shapes.

feeling, using research and facts
to inform our writing and using
subheadings to organise our
paragraphs.

Routines and Reminders

PE days – PE with Coach Shona will be on a **Wednesday**. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit (navy with or without logo), white t-shirt and black trainers. Teacher led PE will take place on **Fridays**. Please can the children come to school that day in their black trainers.

Ukulele lessons – Thursday AM.

Reading books – Y3 will be visiting the school library every Monday.

Homework

Weekly spellings: These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Daily reading: 15 - 20 minutes daily expectation.

Times Tables Rock Stars: This is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star children need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 as quick as possible! Homework will be set weekly by the teachers and it runs from Saturday to Friday, everyone has 10 sessions on Garage to complete. That is 10 minutes of Maths homework a week!

Topic: This term's the project will be based on our topic 'I Am Warrior'. The Y3 children will be asked to create something over the February half term.

Further, more detailed, information will be sent out separately to parents/carers.

What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Sikhism and Good Friday.

PE

This term's focus:

Spring 1: Dance

Spring 2: Badminton

There will also be a bleep test once a term to assess the children's fitness progress.

All PE sessions will be skilled-based lessons involving minimal contact.

PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic, we will be looking at developing a Growth Mind-set, in the Autumn term we will be learning 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating differences'. In spring we look into 'dreams and goals' and 'healthy me'. In the Summer term we will focus on 'relationships' and 'changing me'

Art/DT

The children will be focussing on Roman mosaics and design this half-term; they will be making their own versions of a Roman mosaic

Music

Writing songs with a Roman theme incorporating rhythm, beat, pitch and notation. Y3 still have the added bonus of an additional weekly music lesson every Thursday where they are being taught to play the ukulele.

Spanish

We are learning colours and school equipment vocabulary through song and computing. We will also be learning how to build simple sentences with this vocabulary and practising our verbal skills in group and partner work.

Science

Our Science topic is Forces & Magnets and after half term, Light.

Computing

We have weekly computing lessons where we have a focus area every term, they cover; online safety, Google doc word processing, presentation, how to use the internet, objects and programming turtle. All of these sessions are completed on the chrome books which we use every Tuesday. We also use our chrome book day to access different lessons using google classroom.

How to help your child!

- Every Friday your child will be tested on the weekly spellings; it is important that you learn these with your child. These spellings can be found on the school website.
- It is important that you read with your child daily. Asking them questions as they read is a great way to build comprehension skills.
- Please practise x3, x4 and x8 tables with your child.
- Could you encourage your child to drink and use the toilets during their break times to minimise them getting up and down during lesson time. However, we do allow them to leave the classroom to use the bathroom if required.

Educational Visits in Y3 this term:

This term we will be taking the children on a trip to the Science Museum (26th January) and will participate in a Roman workshop in school (23rd February).

The Science Museum visit ties in with Y3's new science topic, 'Forces'. They will take part in a dynamic show all about forces and magnets for KS2. Presenters Sir Isaac Newton and Phil the Stunt Frog will display unforgettable live demonstrations to aid with their forces knowledge.

The Roman workshop is the perfect way to engage children in life during the Roman Empire. A Roman soldier in full armour, Lucius Felix Silvanus, will talk to the children about life as a gladiator, displaying his weaponry and demonstrating the equipment used. The children will be led through a soldiers' drill and a mock barbarian battle.

Y3 still need parent volunteers for the trip on 23rd February; please email if you can join your child's class.