



YEAR 3

Spring Term Newsletter 2024

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 into their classes 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.



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 perhaps a roasted swan sprinkled with nuts?



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



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

Routines and Reminders

PE days – PE will be on a **Friday**. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear and not a fashion tracksuit).

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 home learning 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 Christianity and learning about the bible. We will be exploring stories in the bible and looking at key teachings in the old and new testament. We will look at what the bible says about God, the world and human life, Christian values and the 10 commandments.

PE

This term's focus:

Spring 1: Dodgeball

Spring 2: Circuit Training

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. In the second half of the term, the children will be working on a cross-curricular poetry inspired piece.

Music

Y3 are returning to the ukulele this term. We will recap the string names and the different techniques used to play the ukulele. We will be learning to play chords and singing along to our songs.

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

This half term children will be working on their 'Google Slides' skills by exploring and creating their own 'Branch Stories'.

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 to the British Museum to visit the permanent collections of Roman artefacts. We are lucky enough to have secured a spot inside the special exhibition, 'Legions'. This temporary exhibition is all about what it was like to be an ordinary Roman Soldier. The class visits are taking place on the following days:

Date	Class
25 th March	Salehurst
27 th March	Iona
28 th March	Salehurst

We still need volunteers so if you would like to accompany your child's class on that day please email in to: Y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.

We will also be visiting a local place of worship for our RE topic. Details of this are to follow.