

# Year 3 Spring Term 2024

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year from the Year 3 team. Firstly, we would like to say a **massive thank you** for the gifts we received at the end of the Christmas Term. We are very grateful and touched by your generosity. I hope you have had a good rest over the Christmas Holiday and you are looking forward to a great term ahead! Below, are a few reminders for this term and an insight into what we will be covering.

### Maths:

This term we will be continuing our work following the Herts Essential Maths Plans. We will mainly be focusing on multiplication and division and the relationships between the two and then moving onto fractions in our Number Units. In our Shape and Space Units we will be exploring 2D Shapes and Perimeter. Furthermore, we will be continuing with Times Tables Rockstar. We will be taking a short times tables test 2/3 times a week and trying to beat our personal bests. You can also still practice online at home. Levels range from Garage rocker to Rock Hero; we are looking forward to see who can make it as a Times tables Rock Star before the Summer Term!

### English:

In English this term we are going to be studying: writing explanation texts, reports and exploring some Traditional Tales. The whole school will also be taking one poem to explore together. (See key dates)

In Spelling, Comprehension and Grammar we are going to continue with our work on reading comprehension as well as touching upon expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, determiners and paragraphs. In addition, we have our weekly guided reading session; like last term this will be whole class texts on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and small group work on a Friday morning - where we will be going through books together as a group. Each week a homework task will be set, which could either be a comprehension exercise or a reading exercise. Please write in the reading diaries whenever you can, even if it is not the guided reading book given, so that we can keep track of reading at home. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website, you will find a recommended reading list. Spellings will still be being set on a Friday ready for the test the following Friday.

### Key Dates

#### **Parents evening**

Consultations will be held on 13th and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

#### **Class Assembly** 9.2.24

#### **Feeling Good week** 12.2.24 - 16.2.24

#### **Take One Poem Week** 26.2.24 - 1.3.24

#### **Year 3 Dance Workshop** 7.3.24

#### **Kew Gardens Trip** 18.3.24

#### **Special Events Week** 22.3.24 – 28.3.24

### Science:

In Science this term we are moving on from light and our new topic is based on forces. Thank you for all your support with the Science homework last term. The homework was fantastic and of a high standard! It was lovely to see the children talk enthusiastically about it the skeletons they made.

### Geography:

Continuing from the children's great work at the end of last term on earthquakes and map skills, this half term we will continue this topic and are going to be looking at Volcanoes, Mega cities and Jungles.

### Music:

Mrs. Newman is going to continue coming in on Friday to teach the recorder. The children are making great progress and I am sure that will continue this term too.

### Computing:

Last term we focused on coding and statistics in computing, and everyone did a brilliant job and created some brilliant programs. In Computing, this term, we are going to continue focusing on debugging and then moving onto being presenters. In addition, we are going to develop skills using PowerPoint, word and the internet.

### Art:

After our Plant Art topic, we will now be moving onto looking at some Architectural Art and studying some famous buildings like St Paul's Cathedral, the Taj Mahal and the Sydney Opera House. The children will also have a go at designing their own buildings.

### RE:

In RE we looked at signs and symbolism across different religions and had a unit based all around Diwali. This term the focus will be on Christianity and who Jesus was before looking at some different Jewish celebrations.

### French:

In French the children loved having the help of Mrs. Bowie who came in to teach French in the last half term. We will be moving to a unit all about Transport and the Jungle whilst continuing to remind the children of the basics (numbers, greetings etc.)

### P.E

In P.E this half term, in addition to the daily run, we will be starting our first topics which will be hockey and fitness. The children will still need to bring in their PE kits as normal for the lessons on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Any more information you would like about the curriculum in Year 3 can be found on the school website <https://maple.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview/>.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Best wishes

Mr Port, Ms. Bayliss and Mrs. Bersanelli