



Spring 2022 Newsletter

Emerald and Jade Classes



Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we hope that you all had an enjoyable festive break. It is really lovely to have the children back in school and they have really hit the ground running! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with lots of fascinating learning opportunities. We will continue to keep you up-to-date during Year 3 and hope that you will continue to communicate with us if there is anything you would like to know or are unsure about. Thank you for all of the Christmas gifts. You were very generous and they were very much appreciated.

The Year 3 Team

English

In English, we will be working on several Talk for Writing texts, which will inform our writing genres. Including suspense stories, a traditional story with a trickster tail, magical journeys and mythical tales linked with our History topic. We will continue with grammar and spellings and learn the key words for Year 3. Children will also develop their independent reading skills through guided reading and daily DR lessons.

Maths

This term, we will start with Statistics, making a tally and pictogram chart and then interpreting the results. For Place Value we will be comparing and ordering numbers and counting in 50s. For addition and subtraction, we will be solving 2-3 digit sums with regrouping, exchanging and crossing ten. In multiplication we will be focusing on multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. **Please help your child at home** by getting them to explain what they have been doing in class and consolidating their times-tables. You can also talk to them about how their maths can be used in everyday situations.

Science In Science, we will be starting off by investigating Light through a series of exciting experiments; how dark is the absence of light; how light from the sun can be dangerous and ways to protect our eyes; recognise how shadows are formed and how they change. Following on, we will be doing a Biology topic looking at skeletons in humans and other animals; the roles of muscles and nutrition.

RE This term we will be studying Judaism, and will be finding out about the following; the importance of a promise/covenant; significance of the Shema; Passover, Seder meal and the 10 commandments. For Easter we will be studying the Easter story, and identifying the main characters and their roles in the story. We will be reflecting on our Christian values and making links to our own lives.

Humanities (History & Geography)

In History, we will be continuing to learning about 'Early Civilisations', finding out about how people lived, farmed and communicated through writing - in an ancient place called Mesopotamia. In Geography, we will be learning about 'Settlements', hamlets, villages, towns, cities, and comparing cities in the UK.

Computing This term in E-safety, we will be learning about my Digital Footprint and Identity, as well as privacy and security. We will continue to develop our coding skills through the programme 'Busy Things'.

Art In **Spring 1**, our theme is Land and Seascapes, where will be finding out about David Hockney and using his ideas to develop our own art in his style. In **Spring 2**, our theme is animals and we will be looking at various artists representations and develop our own ideas in their style.

French The children will be finding out about French Epiphany traditions. After learning animal vocabulary last term, they will learn classroom vocabulary and saying what they have/haven't got. They will start using a bilingual dictionary and learn how to say the date.

Music Year 3 are exploring pitch and using notes in their music lessons this term, and will be composing using several starting points as inspiration. We will be learning a variety of songs for our class assemblies and for Easter.

PE In **Spring 1**, the children will be developing their own gymnastics/dance routine learning gymnastic shapes/balances /counter-balances, as well as dance concepts, and fundamental jumps and rolls. We will also be exploring the full range of gymnastics apparatus. **Spring 2**, is focused on handball and hockey, learning the core skills of passing/receiving, dribbling (hockey), shooting and utilising space.

PHSE Through a series of interactive and discussion based activities we will be exploring relationships, dreams and goals, new challenges and overcoming obstacles. In Spring 2, we will look at nutrition, being healthy, and our bodies.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Please ensure your child has the **correct** PE kit in school **at all times**. The children will be doing **PE on Friday Mornings**.
- Parents and children are encouraged to check book bags for letters each day.
- Your child will read with an adult **weekly** and we expect them to read at home with an adult every evening. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and special experience so that children really develop a passion for reading!
- Homework with spelling will be given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children will be tested on Friday mornings.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please bring in tissues for the class, as this is really helpful for the children.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key dates

- Tuesday 25th – Jade Class Assembly @ 9.30am
- Tuesday 1st – Emerald Class Assembly @ 9.30am
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th February - half term
- Monday 21st February – children return to school
- Monday 7th to Friday 11th March – Parent Consultations (details to follow)
- Thursday 17th March – class photos
- Monday 4th to Monday 18th April – Easter holiday
- Tuesday 19th April – children return to school

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office. **Ms Buckridan & Ms Kahumbu Year 3 Team**