



Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Emerald and Jade Classes

Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents & Carers, welcome back and we hope that you all had an enjoyable Summer! We have had a fabulous start to the new academic year in Year 3, and the children have settled in wonderfully. The attitude to their learning, and kindness they have shown to each other has been fantastic to see.

As always, please inform us if there is anything you would like to know or are unsure about.

Curriculum

Maths

Firstly, this term we will be looking at Place Value. We will be partitioning, ordering and comparing numbers up to 1000. We will then be moving on to addition and subtraction where we will be building up to subtracting a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number using the formal method.

And lastly, we will be working with the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables during multiplication and division.

Problem solving and Reasoning tasks will be part of every lesson. Our aim is to encourage a positive attitude towards solving problems and speak about their maths using key vocabulary.

The learning of times tables will be an ongoing theme this year and we hope that you will be able to support your child at home with any games etc. that will be sent home.

English

In English, we will be working with two main texts - Why do bats sleep in the day? and How to trap a dragon. When working with these texts the children will be producing Non-chronological reports, sets of instructions, explanations and their own questions.

We will continue with key grammar areas and spellings and learn the key words for Year 3.

There also will be a huge focus on developing children's love for reading and improving their handwriting.

Destination Reader will also allow children to access a variety of text-types and genres.

Science

In Autumn 1, we will be learning about Plants - the main parts and functions of plants, how water travels to different parts of a plant, what happens when plants are put in different conditions, what is pollen and pollination and then exploring seed dispersal in plants.

Our second topic is Rocks and Soils – we will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties; describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. Throughout the term we will be also be focusing on classification, pattern seeking and fair testing.

Humanities (History & Geography)

In History, we have introduced our fascinating topic 'Who were the Ancient Egyptians?', where we will be focusing on how ancient Egypt has changed over time. In Geography, we will be learning about how mountains are formed and why rivers are important.

PE, Art, Music and French

We will have PE on Friday mornings. Children will be learning striking and fielding games and net games. Our specialist teaching team will deliver music and French on Tuesday afternoons. In French, will be reviewing work from Y2, transport, numbers 1-20, greetings, phonics. In music, children will be learning a variety of traditional and modern songs. In art, children will explore still life and abstract art using a variety of media.

Religious Education

To begin our year, we will be investigating the stories of the Old Testament - How did a belief in God affect the actions of people?' These stories include Abraham, Daniel, Jonah, Moses, Naomi and Solomon. In Autumn 2, we will investigate Remembrance, and how and why, we remember people. Closer to Christmas we look at how Advent and Epiphany show us what Christmas is really about.

In PSHE, we will continue to work with the Jigsaw scheme where the themes will be 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly, it will be given out on a Friday and it will be expected back in on the following Wednesday. It will include a talking task, maths activity, topic related task and weekly spellings. We will also be encouraging the children to use TTR (Times Table Rockstars) – more information about this will be coming in the coming weeks. The children are expected to read daily for at least fifteen minutes and discuss the text with an adult.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Fridays**. Children come to school in uniform and bring their correct PE kit with them.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the only jewellery allowed to be worn at school are small stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Homework will begin on Friday 16th September 2022.
- Children should bring in a bottle of water – named – and return it home every day.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 19th September: Queen Elizabeth II's funeral – school closed as a mark of respect
- Friday 23rd September: Jeans for Genes Day - please wear an item of denim with your uniform and bring £1 to help fund research into genetic disorders
- Wednesday 19th October: Harvest Festival Assembly
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th October: half term – school closed
- Monday 31st October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 1st November: children return to school as usual

*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 make an appointment via the school office.

Miss Fernandes and Mr Jenkins

Year 3 Team