



# Spring 2023 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.

**The Year 3 Team**

### English

In English, we will be working on a variety of engaging Talk for Writing texts, including: Non-Chronological Reports, Instructions, Poetry, Adventure-Fiction and a Diary Entry. 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 which will also link to Humanities subjects.

### Maths

This term, we will continue with divisions and multiplication. Building up to multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number - with an exchange and remainders.

Moving into Fractions we will be comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions and count in fractions on a number line. Both Length and Perimeter and Mass & Capacity will cover Measuring, calculating and comparing in grams/kilograms and millilitres/litres. Children as ever will be exposed to daily problem solving that is linked to the daily learning objective.

### 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 learn 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. Coding will involve Loops through Busy Things: Code Disco and Beard Man's Adventures.

### Art

**Formal elements of art:** Exploring shape and tone – identifying shapes in everyday objects, using shapes as guidelines to draw accurately from observation recreating form and shape

### **Enrichment (French, Music & PE)**

In French, the children will be continuing to develop their phonic knowledge of French. After learning animal vocabulary last term, they will learn classroom vocabulary and saying what they have/haven't got. They will build on their knowledge of numbers in French and learn how to say the date.

In 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.

In PE, **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. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **PE on Fridays**. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
- 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 valuable experience, which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- Homework with spellings 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.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- 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.

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Y3 trip to Muswell Hill Synagogue
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February: half term - school closed
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: children return to school
- March: Parent Consultations - details to follow
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: World Book Day
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March: When I Grow Up Day
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Easter holiday
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April: INSET day - school closed
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 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 feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office. **The Year 3 Team**