

## Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to year 3

We are looking forward to a great year ahead including special events and trips. In the summer term, we plan to visit Colchester Zoo! This half term includes the following academy events and deeper days:

- Hello Yellow and Just One Tree Day – 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Workshop – Anti-bullying 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- Tea and Talk - Welcome to Year 3 – Timestables Rockstars and Accelerated Reader 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Tea and Talk – Safeguarding Date TBC
- Workshop – Approach to Behaviour Date TBC

Core learning	<p>In writing we will be writing about traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, Anansi and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will be writing for different audiences and purposes including for a newspaper report and to inform others about electricity. This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session linked to magic in school.</p>
	<p>In whole class reading we will be looking at some of the following texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stone Age Boy</li><li>• The Selfish Giant</li><li>• The Three Wolves and the Big Bad Pig</li><li>• The Mousehole Cat</li></ul> <p>Each week we have a reading for pleasure session where children can share their recommended reads. We have visit times to our library on Monday mornings</p>
	<p>In maths we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read, write, order and compare numbers to 1000.</li><li>• Rounding numbers</li><li>• Using a range of mental strategies to add and subtract</li></ul> <p>Each week we engage in TTRS with a focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p>
Skills	<p>In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas:</p> <p>Music - 'Let Your Spirit Fly High' Computing – Computational Thinking French – I am Learning</p>
Connected curriculum	<p>Our focus unit this half term is called 'How does electricity work?' This is a science-based unit with connections across the curriculum.</p> <p>This covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homes before electricity</li><li>• Identifying common appliances that run on electricity</li><li>• Creating electrical circuits and understanding what the different circuit symbols are</li><li>• Investigating electrical conductors and insulators</li><li>• Learning how magnets work and what materials are magnetic</li></ul>

## Faith, Health and Wellbeing

During Faith and well-being lessons we will be learning about:  
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- What is a balanced diet?
- Can technology be bad for my mental health?
- What is a stereotype?
- What does community mean?

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- What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?
- What do different people believe about God?

## Homework

Your child will bring home a homework book that includes the overview, knowledge organiser and spellings. A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account.

Spellings will be tested on Fridays.



## Phonics



As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Your child will bring home an Accelerated Reader book and will use the online quizzes to support comprehension.



We also support children in their number recall and multiplication facts. Your child will have a log in for TTRockstars and we encourage daily practice for at least 6 minutes a day.

## PE day and PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform and with earrings removed or covered. Variations to PE uniform will be challenged including footwear.

## Labelled belongings

Please remember to label items including lunch boxes and bags (locker size – small). Children are to bring refillable drink bottles each day, metal bottles are discouraged.

*\*Our children have produced a healthy snack policy. This will be sent home to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Year 3 Team

Mrs Rosso   Mrs Powell   Mrs Bush   Miss Carey