



Brackley C of E Junior School



Term 3

WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and managed to make some wonderful memories over the holidays! Outlined below are the topics we will be covering in year 3 this term.

Maths



To begin with this half term, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, and we will be exploring how column method can be used to multiply a 1-digit by a 2-digit number. We will then explore length and perimeter, starting by looking at millimeters, centimeters, and metres before moving on to understanding equivalent lengths. We will be adding and subtracting lengths to support us in building skills that will help us to measure and calculate perimeter.

English



In English this term, we will start by writing instructions to make disgusting pizzas for monsters! We will learn about the features of instruction texts and practise using exclamation marks in our sentences. After this, we will be writing a narrative based on the book *The Fate of Fausto*. We will use compound and complex sentences to create a story with a moral lesson. Spelling lessons will be taught weekly, we will be learning suffixes including -er and -est.-

Science



To begin this term, we will be finishing off our rocks unit before moving on to the Human Body and Digestion. We will learn about the nutrients our body needs to be healthy before exploring the skeletal system and naming different bones. We will also explore the muscular system and learn how our bones and muscles work together to get our body moving!

Religious Education



In RE this term, the whole school are exploring the question, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' We will be finding out about the nature of Brahman and how Hindus worship. We will also be making links between Hindu ideas about Brahman and how Hindus live their lives; this will include exploring what some Hindus believe happens when you die. We are delighted to welcome Avnish Thakrar, our Hindu faith visitor, back to Brackley Junior School this term to talk to us about how he lives his life as a Hindu today.

Geography



In Geography this term, we are learning about the rainforest! In this exciting unit, we will be exploring the flora and fauna which live in the rainforest. We will learn about the different layers of the rainforest and how the geography of these areas differs from our own. We will finish this unit of work by going on a trip to 'The Living Rainforest', where the children will be able to recall all of their new knowledge!

Art



In Art, we will be conducting artist studies, focusing on the theme 'British Art'. We will be learning all about the lives and artistic techniques of Barbara Hepworth and David Hockney. We will have a go at replicating their style of work using a range of medium before using them as inspiration in our own pieces.

Physical Education



For our indoor PE, we will be making our hearts race with some sports hall athletics! We are going to be building on many different skills, such as jumping, balancing, running, and throwing. For our Outdoor PE sessions, we will be learning how to play Footgolf, a combination of both sports, where the children will practise kicking the ball into different sized hoops in as few kicks as possible. This will build on our football rounder lessons and develop skills of control and accurate aim.

Computing



Our computing lessons this term will be about programming. The children will be using the 'Scratch' application on the i-Pads, to explore how simple programming language works and which keywords they can use. They will experiment with 'sprites', blocks, and sequencing to create sounds and visuals.

Music



In music this term, we will be using percussion instruments to create pieces of music. We will focus on rhythm and beat throughout the unit. We will also be using our voices to sing a variety of different tunes, focusing on pitch and rhythm.

Spanish



In Spanish, we are learning new vocabulary for fruits. We will be building on this by asking and answering which fruits we like and don't like. Additionally, we will be expanding our sentences using the conjunction 'y' meaning 'and'. We will use this sentence structure to revisit animal and colour vocabulary.

PSHE



This term, we are thinking about dreams and goals. We will learn about setting ourselves realistic goals and how to stay positive and persevere when things get tough. We will develop our teamwork skills and think about how we can help others to achieve their goals too.

Homework Homework will consist of weekly reading and Times Tables Rockstar practice. Children will be given a reading record in which they need to record 4 weekly reads. This should be the reading book which is sent home with them. When they have finished this book, they should bring it back and take another. In TTRS, children will be expected to complete 25 games a week. Children need to complete these between Friday and Thursday each week.

If you have questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our team. You can do this via email or phone call to Mrs Jones in the school office. Please note, we do not monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.