



Brackley C of E Junior School



Term 2

WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

The children have settled in well, and we are looking forward to learning new things as well as building on existing skills.

Maths



In Maths this half term, we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting as well as becoming more confident with both mental methods and written working out. We will then be learning about multiplication and division. We will be drawing pictures and using equipment to see what 'times' and 'divide' actually look like. Then we will apply this when working out multiples of different numbers. If your child can continue to practice TTRS regularly at home, this will really help them in this unit.

English



In our English lessons this term, we will be writing non-chronological reports about the portia spider! We will learn how to use compound and complex sentences to include in our writing. Next, we will be writing a narrative based on the John Lewis Christmas advert 'Man on the Moon'. We will look at how to use adjectives and speech punctuation to write a Christmas story of our own.

Science



Over this term, we will be exploring rocks! The children will be learning how to test the properties of rocks and we will explore how rocks are formed. We will delve underneath the Earth to find out what's inside, and we will explore the role that volcanoes have in rock formation.

Religious Education



This half term, the children will be completing the topic 'Incarnation'. The pupils will learn about the Holy Trinity: the voice of God, Jesus as the Son of God and the Holy Spirit. Pupils will learn about the trinity through the gospel story the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist: Matthew 3:11-17. They will discuss the significance of this story to Christians and what it teaches about the trinity.

Geography



In Geography this term, we are learning about the UK. In these lessons, children will learn all about where our country is on the map and will use atlases and maps to identify key cities and rivers. The children will learn about counties in the UK and they will explore the features of Northamptonshire. We will also explore how to use a compass to read directions.

D&T



In D&T, we are looking at the history of bread and we will be visiting Kingswood catering kitchens to develop our cooking skills. During our visit, the children will learn how to make pizza. They will choose healthy toppings and learn about healthy choices they can make when designing their own pizza.

Physical Education



In indoor PE this term, children will be learning how to play Boccia. This is a game, similar to bowls, where children use accurate throws to position balls closest to the 'white jack'. Children will practise skills such as over arm and under arm throwing with precision, as well as rolling balls accurately. In outdoor PE, the children will learn how to play Quicksticks! This is a version of field hockey specifically aimed at key stage 2 children. It is played 4- a side and uses a lighter ball. It is advisable for children to have their PE kit in school all week as PE days may vary.

Computing



This term we are going to be learning all about stop animation. The children will use a range of techniques to produce a stop animation video on the iPads. We will then aim to create a story animation using other media and film techniques such as music.

Music



In music this term, we will be continuing our work with NMPAT. The children have been learning to play a range of percussion instruments to create a samba piece. The children are working towards a final performance which we will be able to share with you on Class Dojo once it is finished.

Spanish



In Spanish, we are learning about different words for animals, and we are beginning to explore masculine and feminine nouns. We will be practising our speaking and listening skills through songs, and our reading and writing skills through games and quizzes. We will continue to practise our colours, numbers and greetings throughout the term too.

PSHE



This term, we are thinking about celebrating differences. We will be exploring who we are and how amazing it is that everyone else is different! During this term, we will also be having anti-bullying week, where we will think about what bullying is and what we can do to prevent it. During the lessons, we will be playing games to help connect us as a class and taking some time for mindful meditation.

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 may bring it back and swap it for another. In TTRS, children will be expected to complete 25 games a week. Children need to complete these in 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 or Mrs Timms in the school office. Please note, we do *not* monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.