



Brackley C of E Junior School

Term 1



Welcome to Year 3!

Maths



We are starting off the year focusing on place value, beginning by consolidating our numbers up to 100, then crossing the boundary into numbers up to 1000! We will be comparing, ordering, and partitioning these numbers to gain a solid understanding. We will then move on to looking at the four operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will be exploring both written and mental methods as well as doing a bit of problem solving and reasoning.

English



In our English lessons this term, we will start off with a narrative unit based on the BFG by Roald Dahl. The children will learn how to use adjectives to make their sentences more descriptive. We will have a big focus on handwriting and presentation this term so that the children's work is looking its best! In the second half term, we will be writing non-chronological reports about portia spiders! The children will explore the features of reports, learning how to use subheadings and rhetorical questions in their writing.

Science



Over this term we will be exploring all things to do with light! We will be looking at natural and man-made light sources and addressing common misconceptions along the way! We will be investigating shadows with the aim of fully understanding what they are and how they're made, whether it's by a torch or by the sun. We will look at reflective materials and we will finally explore the dangerous aspects of some forms of light.

Religious Education



In RE this term, children will be exploring the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' As well as exploring what the children already know about Christianity, the children will discuss: What is Christianity? Who is Jesus? What is the Bible? What did Jesus do? What do Christians celebrate? They will explore gospels from the bible and think about what it means to be 'fishers of men'.

History / Geography



In Geography/ history this term we are doing 'All about Brackley', in these lessons children will learn all about Brackley, including using local area maps and exploring the history of our town. Children will get to take part in a trip as we take a tour around Brackley to explore the local area! Pupils will discover how Brackley has changed over time and will learn about the history of Brackley Junior School.

Art



In art, our theme is 'Autumnal Art' with a focus on improving sketching skills, experimenting with adding colour to sketches, and we will also be creating some autumnal prints. The children will learn how to develop the amount of detail they include in their sketches and will experiment with oil pastels to create some beautiful art work!

Physical Education



In outdoor PE this term, children will focus on fitness circuits. These circuits will allow the children to improve their physical fitness each week by developing their stamina and muscle control in a variety of fitness challenges. In outdoor PE, the children will learn how to play football rounders! Children will learn the rules of traditional rounders while developing their passing and dribbling skills. It is advisable for children to have their PE kit in school all week as PE days may be subject to change.

Computing



Learners will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will also compare digital and non-digital devices. Next, learners will be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches. Finally, the children will discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

Music



In music this term, we will be using percussion instruments to create pieces of music. We will focus on rhythm and beat throughout our units 'food and drink' and 'poetry'

Spanish



The children will start learning a new language this term! We will start off by learning all about Spain and countries where Spanish is spoken. Then we will learn phonics to help us pronounce new words and some basic phrases/ greetings.

PSHE



This term, we are thinking about rules and responsibilities, and the consequences that follow if we aren't responsible or follow the rules. The children will also be learning how to keep themselves safe both at home and at school by learning about Protective Behaviours. This is a series of lessons exploring how to recognise early warning signs of feeling unsafe and what they can do about it as well as discussing who can help them. Finally, we will learn some basic first aid and have a series of lessons on internet safety.

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 get another.

In term 1, children will be given a TTRS (Times Tables Rockstars) log in- they 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 Miss Faulkner-Gant in the school office. Please note, we do *not* monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.

