

Welcome to Year 3 - Spain Class

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and we hope you all had a relaxing break. We have already begun our exciting learning in Year 3 and wanted to share a little more about what the children can look forward to this term.

Maths:

We begin the autumn term with a focus on number and place value in maths lessons, and will move onto addition and subtraction later in the term. Alongside this, there will be daily maths fluency lessons covering a variety of skills. By the end of year 3, children are required to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children will be provided with a login for the online platform Timestables Rockstars (TTRS) to support their fluency in times tables, which can also be accessed at home.

English:

As a school, we value reading for pleasure and your encouragement at home makes a huge difference. All children in year 3 will have a reading book to take home. Children are expected to bring reading records to school daily and it would be very useful if you can write in when you have listened to your child read. This helps staff to monitor the quantity of and progress in reading. In school, children will also take part in regular reading lessons, covering a variety of reading and comprehension skills.

In our English lessons, we will be exploring the exciting and thought-provoking book *The Barnabus Project* by the Fan Brothers. Children will further develop writing skills learnt in year 2 and learn to write character descriptions and instructions.

In year 3, we teach spelling using the Spelling Shed scheme of work. Each child has been provided with a login which they can use to access games and activities to support their learning. Weekly spellings will be tested every Thursday.

Geography:

In Geography, we will explore why people choose to live near volcanoes. We will learn how volcanoes are formed, where they are found around the world and the opportunities and risks they bring. We will use maps and geographical vocabulary to investigate the impact of volcanic eruptions on people and the environment.

Art:

This half term we will be focusing on painting & mixed media. We will explore collage through the work of Romare Bearden. Children will experiment with texture, paint and collage and learn to create different textures with paint.

HPE:

Our HPE (Health and Physical Education) lessons are on Thursdays and Fridays. Each week we will be covering a variety of skills for different games and sports. Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E kit to school on these days, this includes suitable footwear and warm clothing for outdoor lessons.

Music:

This term children will be learning about ballads. They will learn begin using musical vocabulary, writing their own lyrics and using different signing techniques when performing songs in time with others.

RE:

In our RE lessons, the children will be delving into Hinduism, particularly focusing on Diwali and the story behind it, to explore and gain a deeper understanding of the concepts of good and evil.

Science:

This half term we will be focussing on Animals including Humans, children will be learning all about the human body and what people and animals need to survive and stay healthy. Children will be working scientifically and using this understanding to design and create their own bionic hand. Moving into the second half term children will be learning about light.

Computing:

Throughout the Autumn term children will continuously be exploring the importance of keeping safe online. This half term, year 3 will be learning about comic creation. They will learn to select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals.

French:

During this first half term, children will be learning all about how to greet in French, engaging in simple conversation through listening attentively to spoken language and showing understanding by joining in and responding.

Homework:

Homework will be set on Friday and due the following Thursday. Homework will include maths and spelling activities. Homework will appear under 'assignments' on Google Classroom and paper copies will also be sent home. Logins for Spelling Shed and TTRS will be glued to the inside of their homework books. The spelling homework will always link to the words in the spelling test which will take place every Thursday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Fuller and Ben Woodhouse.