

Park Junior School - Year 3 Curriculum - Summer 1 - Term 5

Welcome to Term 5

This document will provide you with all of the important information you need to know for the forthcoming half term.

If you have any questions, please do come and have a chat at home time.

With best wishes,

The Y3 Team

Year 3 staff: Mrs M-P (Morgan-Partridge) (Nightingales) Miss Cox (Skylarks) Mrs Soule Mrs Squibb Mrs Cunningham Mrs Marshall Miss Summers Miss Law	P.E. days: Tuesday (outdoor P.E.) Thursday (indoor P.E.)
Educational visits: TBC - Canal field trip (Geography)	Other key dates: 19 th May - PTA School Disco 20 th May - Y3 Stay and Read 9-9.30am 24 th May - School photos 27 th May - Non Uniform (Red White & Blue) Cake sale after school to celebrate the jubilee

What a Wonderful World: Science

English



In English, the children will be building their writing stamina by completing lengthier sessions of writing. This will prepare them nicely as they transition into Year 4. We will be re-visiting Instruction Texts and Recounts. This will build on what they have already learnt about these two writing styles and enable them to feel more confident in their writing ability, allowing them to extend their confidence. Much of their writing and reading will be centred around nature, to align with this Term's Topic, and our new class book: *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd. In addition to this, regular spelling tests will be conducted to build on their vocabulary.

What can we do at home?

Continue to practice letter formation, joining handwriting and finding opportunities to write at home for example letters, invitations, stories. Children must read at home regularly - this will be explained further at the Go Read presentation for parents and carers.

Maths



This term, we are looking at fractions and time. Children will be looking at halves, quarters and thirds, as well as sorting numbers into these fractions. In addition, children will be understanding equivalent fractions, as well as ordering and comparing them. When learning about time, Year 3 will be understanding how to tell the time to the minute, as well as looking at am and pm times.

What can we do at home?

As they get closer to Year 4, where the statutory times tables test is carried out, children will be encouraged further to practice their times tables through Times Tables Rockstars. If there are any problems in logging on, please talk to one of the Year 3 Team!

Science



Spring has sprung! Our topic for Science is plants, where the children will be using their existing knowledge of plants and furthering it by exploring the parts of a flower. In addition to this, we will be investigating how water and nutrients are transported, as well as understanding the life cycle of a plant. There will be lots of learning outdoors for this topic, so children can explore plants in the natural and wonderful world.

What can we do at home?

Take a walk to see what plants you can find. Perhaps download the free British Trees Woodland Trust App, which can help you to work out what you see on your travels!

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Geography		Creative Arts		Wider curriculum	
<p>In Geography, we are exploring physical Geography within the UK, especially focusing on features within our local area. We will look at rivers, and it's parts, as well as comparing hills and mountains. We will also look at different types of climate, and reflect on which climate we experience in the UK. Natural disasters will also be touched upon, including earthquakes and flooding. We will be taking a trip to explore our canal, in order to explain why canals are so important historically.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i></p> <p>Take learning outside! What physical or human features can they see: hills, canals, rivers, settlements.</p>		<p>In P.E, we are doing Athletics and Badminton. This will allow the children to build upon their social and physical skills as they play games as a team. In Art, the children are looking at various artists, who have painted flowers. They will understand the colours behind them and experiment with a variety of media, including print-making. In DT, the children will be continuing with planning, designing, building and reflecting on their catapults.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i></p> <p>Ask the children to show you what they have learned - can they teach you any tips and tricks?</p>		<p>This term in Computing, we will continue to develop our computer skills using Scratch. This is a coding program, where children will create and debug algorithms for their character (sprite). In PSHE, we will be learning about how to 'being my best', which explore making the right choices, healthy eating and thinking about their achievement and things they are proud of.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i></p> <p>Can your child create a poster about things that they would like to achieve by the end of year 3?</p>	