

Sutton Road Primary
and Nursery School



Curriculum Newsletter



Magnets and forces

shadows

Light, reflection and



What is below my feet?

Year 3 - Spring Term

We would like to welcome your child back from the Christmas holiday's and wish you a Happy New Year.

Class 3AD - Mr Dugdale

Class 3AB - Miss Bunting

We hope this leaflet will help you know a little more about the things your child will be doing in school and also how you can help.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us- preferably after school when we have a little more time.

English



We will start this term off by reading *Werepuppy* and we will be designing and writing about our own spooky creature and where it lives for a writing competition. We will also start a brand new book for year 3 which will be *Traction Man*. We will be writing a narrative specifically focussing on speech.

When you are reading at home with your child please make a special note of speech and how it is set out on the page to give the a head-start!

Each week we will be focusing on different spelling rules and patterns, which will be tested in the following week with a spelling test.

Maths



During the first half term we will be covering mass and volume. We will be weighing and measuring different objects and liquids using a variety of scales. We will be looking at converting between grams and kilograms, millilitres and litres and we will be adding and subtracting these amounts.

If you are baking at home, please allow your children to complete the measuring and discuss the different scales with them.

We will also be looking at some written strategies for multiplication and division in order to complete calculations with much larger numbers than we usually work with.

We will continue to test the children on their times tables weekly in order to beat their favourite superheroes.

PE

This term in PE we will working with an external handball coach to learn the skills and rules of this new sport.

3AD will be finishing their swimming unit and 3AB will be starting theirs.

Don't forget, PE kits should come into school at the start of a half term and remain in school until the next holidays, when they can be taken home by the child to wash.



Topics

Our first topic will then be: *What is the attraction?* This will be a science based topic that will look at forces, friction, magnetic poles and how magnets attract and repel each other. The children will be creating their own experiments and recording their findings for this unit.



The next topic we will look at will be light-based. We will investigate where light comes from, why and how we can see things and how our shadows and reflections can change.

Our final topic, after this, will focus on the mining industry from the Victorian Times through to modern times. This will focus on how mining changed throughout the years and the consequences of the mines closing.



Computing

During our time in the computing suite, we will be using Purple Mash to support our learning about coding. We will be looking at typing and how we can use all of our fingers for the different keys and become more efficient typers.

We will also be looking at emails and safe ways of communicating with our peers.

RE

This term we are focusing on prayer. We will be looking at how prayer looks for different religions and the types of things that people normally pray for..

Music

This half term we will have lots of opportunities to explore pitch, rhythm, timbre and dynamics through our different topics E.g. creating a musical piece for a day in the life of a miner.



SEAL

We will be following the SEAL programme this term. The theme for the first half term is 'Looking forward'. The theme for the second half term is 'My Friends and Family'.



Trips and extra activities

As a team, we are working hard to incorporate lots of opportunities to enhance the children's education with trips. We are hoping to arrange a trip to a mining museum in the 2nd half term so please look out for letters and sign-up to support if you are available.

Homework

Homework is sent out weekly and is linked to what we are covering in lessons as well as target work. There will be English and Maths homework. Additionally children will have spellings to learn, to reinforce the spelling rules we cover. In Maths, they will need to practice given multiplication facts. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. Please support your child with this. Homework is handed out on a Friday and needs returning by Wednesday the following week. We expect all children to return homework as it is an important part of embedding skills and a vital link with home.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/.../literacy.html

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/

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