Maths

Number: We will use a range of manipulatives and models to support the children with place value and their understanding of the number system. We will play games to explore place value of 3 digit numbers as well as using a range of models to support our understanding of the number system.

Fluency: During fluency sessions, we will address any gaps in learning from last spring and summer and build on this knowledge to meet Year 3 expectations. These sessions will be quick games and lots of fun for everyone but are vital for the children to consolidate previous learning and build upon skills. Towards the end of this half term, we will explore Addition and Subtractions up to 3 digits.



Times tables: The children will be encouraged to use TTRockstars to build their speed and fluency with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will begin to learn our 3 and 6 times tables in class and strengthen recall with TTRockstars and other games.

Understanding our Health and Well-Being

PE: We will be playing tag rugby, focusing on moving appropriately in game situations as well as throwing and catching skills

PSHCE: We will be learning about 'Being Me in My
Own World' and discussing how to face challenges ad set goals.

English



We will then start reading and exploring 'Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman.' We will explore the structure, plot and characters of the story before writing a letter from Grandad in response to one of his grandson's letters. We will be developing new vocabulary and consolidating and developing our grammar and punctuations.

In our Guided Reading sessions, we will start by exploring the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.

We will then begin reading our new book together, using a range of skills to explore the book and it's characters further.

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Spellings: We will begin Year 3 by consolidating our phonics knowledge using Monster phonics. We will address any gaps in learning and assess their understanding of High Frequency words too.

We will then move onto Year 3 superhero spellings.

Understanding Science and Technology

Science: We will explore how a range of animals, including humans, need healthy diets to thrive in their environments. We will also look at how some animals have skeletons and muscles for protection and movement. We will also look at the function of these features as well as finding out amazing and bizarre ways that animals have adapted to their environments.

DT: We will design a healthy menu for our rainforest adventure and use food preparation techniques and skills to prepare these healthy snacks.

Computing: We will begin our computing topic by comparing digital and non-digital devices.

Next, we will be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches. Finally, learners will discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

Understanding Arts and Culture

Art: We will read and explore 'The fantastic jungles of Henri Rousseau' by Michelle Markel and learn about the life and art of Henri Rousseau. We will learn the techniques of collage and how to create bold images with paper to mimic the rainforests we have been looking at in Geography. His jungle artwork will become our inspiration for our own rainforest collages.

Music: We will learn to read simple rhythms and melodies using formal staff notation. Savannah class will learn to play the violin this term. Watch this space for Desert and Rainforest violin lessons after Christmas.

Understanding the World

Geography: Using our Science knowledge, we will explore the woodland area in our school grounds, mapping out habitats and detailing any environmental issues. We will then compare this to the rainforest habitats we have been learning about.

History: We will explore Roman history by learning about key people and events. We will explore the role of different people on Roman society, including Roman Soldiers.

RE: We will be exploring Hindu and Christian festivals, traditions and key events

Spanish: As an introduction to Spanish, we will learn how to say specific Spanish letters/sounds to aid our pronunciation of key vocabulary

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Welcome to Year 3!

We are all so excited to welcome you and our lovely new classes to Year 3. We work really hard in Year 3, but also love to have lots of fun and learn through creative activities, games and exploration. We keep our children and parents up to date with important messages and their successes, including photos, via Marvellous Me and will post pictures of activities and curriculum details on the Year 3 page on our school website too.

Homework: Homework and spellings will be on Google Classrooms every Friday. Passwords for this are in the children's reading records. A copy will also be in their homework book each week. Please note that spellings can be different for different children so please ask the class teacher about any questions. We will be setting the children up on Google Classrooms for the first few weeks and showing them how to use it. We will also send a parent's guide out to help you at home in case you haven't used it before.

Reading: We ask that children in Year 3 read their books for a short time each night, and we will read with the children regularly throughout the week at school. Please don't forget to write their efforts in their reading record, so we can reward them at school for fantastic home reading.

As always, please see the Class Teacher if you have and concerns or questions about school and we will be happy to help you.

Mr Spendlove (Savannah Class Teacher and Year Group Leader)
Mrs Hostler (Rainforest Class) Miss McBride (Desert Class)



