

This term the Year 3 topics are: **Mountains and The Water Cycle, the Geography of the UK and Magnets and Forces.** The topics offer many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to Geography, Science, DT, Art and Literacy.

This term's topics will enable pupils to:

Discover how our world is formed by natural processes and appreciate that our survival is dependent upon them

Visualise the action of forces by studying mountain building and the water cycle.

Learn more about the country we live in and the Physical Geography.

Spring Term in Year 3

We have been very impressed with how well the children have transitioned into Year 3 and Key Stage 2, adapting to a more demanding timetable and curriculum.

The children have also really embraced the Growth Mindset language and learning behaviour and this has had a very positive impact on their progress and their attitude to learning, as well as developing more independence and perseverance when faced with challenges.

Please help your child to learn their times tables / multiplication facts as we will be having a big push on these in Maths this term.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work either in Homework books or on MyMaths. These should be completed by pupils within a 45 minute timeframe.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites



Topic

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/mountains.htm>

<http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/PagesHomeworkHelp/>

Maths

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

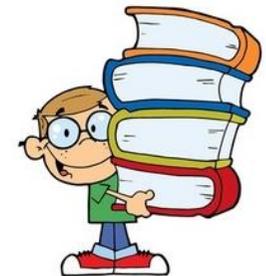
Class visits, visitors and special events

Friday 27th January @ 9am – Year 3 Class Assembly - All welcome!

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 21st March 3.30-6pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd March 5-7.30pm – Parents' Evening



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

Number – Place value, Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication and Division

Measurement– time, position and direction, length and weight and data handling.

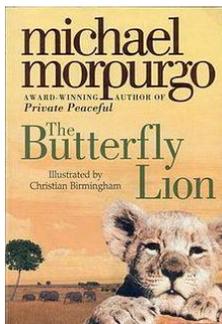
Fractions – finding fractions of quantities and adding fractions.

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to explain the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks. It is also useful to practise multiplication tables with them.

English

This term the children will be:

- Reading a class text, *The Butterfly Lion*. This book will captivate the children's imagination and offers countless opportunities for a wide range of spoken and written activities
- Examining Poetry
- Performing poems for an audience
- Reading and writing fantasy stories
- Writing recounts



Science

Our topic this term is Forces and Magnets.

- We will investigate applied, gravitational, magnetic and spring forces.
- We will explore magnetic materials and learn about their uses.
- There will be many opportunities for investigating and analysing data.

We hope you had a restful Christmas and wish you all a belated happy New Year! Many thanks for all the lovely and thoughtful Christmas presents; they were very much appreciated.

If you have any queries, or wish to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to contact us via the School Office, the Yellow Reading Records or face to face at the end of the day.

Kind regards, Nicki Searle

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

Geography

We will

- Learn about how mountains are formed, life in mountain environments and will study different mountain chains around the world
- Gain an understanding about the water cycle, weather phenomenon, and how we use our water resources
- Study UK Geography and will learn to identify a number of landscape features on a map such as rivers and mountains

Computing

We will be creating and editing videos using computer software. We will continue to use computers for research across the curriculum and to keep up-to-date with ways to keep safe whilst online.

Art

The children will study the work of Cezanne and experiment with shading in colour media. They will also develop their mixing and blending skills and use shading to show perspective.

PE

Lessons will be held outside on Fridays even in cold weather. Please ensure the children have PE trousers. Please ensure all jewellery, including earrings, is removed on these days. Our focuses will be: ball skills, using equipment and balance.

Design and Technology

Drawing on their scientific knowledge of materials and forces, they will design and create a floating boat.

PSHE

The children will be thinking about goals and target setting and learning how to manage money.

Music

The children will develop their understanding of pitch, pulse and rhythm and will also learn songs for their class assembly.

RE

Christianity is the RE topic for this term. The first unit we will be covering is "Who was Jesus?" The second will be 'Christian worship'. Finally, the Easter Story will be explored.

Modern Foreign Languages (French)

The children will learn some simple French songs and will practise responses to questions about themselves.