



WHITMORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers of children in Year 3

We would like to inform you of the subject areas which will be covered in this term and thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Literacy

Children will experience performance poetry where they will recite from memory a well-known poem using intonation and actions innovatively for effect. They will learn to use persuasive writing techniques and will apply this learning to their connected curriculum work. The children will also be extending their vocabulary by using challenging adverbs and adjectives when creating their own adventure story.

Numeracy

A key focus for the first term will be the children's mastery of all four operations. They will be taught the compact methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. The children will be taught to use a number line for division. They will embed these methods by applying this learning to word problems.

P.E.

This term there will be a focus on ball skills and invasion. Children will learn passing and receiving accurately whilst on the move, how to signal effectively/communicate to show where they want the ball and help them make decisions in a game situation. 3Gamma will be having an additional PE session on a Tuesday morning. 3Beta and 3Delta will have an additional after half term; more detail to follow.

Connected Curriculum

The first half term: Our topic will be to study the local environment and will involve several short visits to areas of interest. Children will learn to compare physical and human geography. They will learn to use ordinance survey maps and grid references. They will learn the names and locations of some countries within Europe and South America. The second half term: children will learn about the first settlers in England and the Stone Age.

Science

Children will learn about the differences of rocks and soils and how to classify them. Children will learn about the importance of light and how shadows are created. They will also find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Music

Children will learn to sing songs and listen to music about rocks, light, the Stone Age, and the Iron Age. They will experience making, playing, changing and combining sounds; experimenting with different ways of producing sounds with their voice, musical instruments and simple music technology. They will learn basic recorder skills.

Computing

E-safety will be our priority at the start of the year. We will be using I-Pads for cross curricular research and presentation purposes.

R.E. and Philosophy

Children will start to learn philosophy skills in preparation for RE and philosophy lessons in the Spring Term.

Art and Design

This term, children will be studying cave art and looking at their local area. Children will develop their weaving skills before progressing onto sewing. Children will use routes on a map to produce a running stitch, before embellishing with beads and buttons. Children will blend and smudge dry media such as oil pastels to begin to build their own cave art using stencils. Children will purposefully use and create lines of different thickness and shape to add detail with increasing control. Children will begin to use a sketchbook to build their skills.

PSHE

In the first half term, children will learn to identify a range of emotions. The next topic, after the half term holiday, will focus on healthy lifestyles.

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