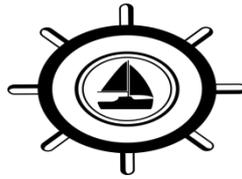


Whitstable Junior School



Term 4 Curriculum Information 2019

Year 3

This year is certainly whizzing past, it is hard to believe we are just over half way through this academic year! The weather seems to be warming a little and there are tiny glimpses of spring around the school grounds. Again we have had a fantastic term leading up to half term; we have learnt so much and produced some wonderful work. As always, we thank you for your continued support, it really does make an enormous difference. Your children continue to develop and progress and as you undoubtedly are aware, we are also so proud of the way the children are growing in confidence and making progress within lessons. This term will be just as busy, with lots of opportunities to work together and learn lots more.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask us or any member of staff on the gate in the morning.

There are a few pieces of useful information that we would like to remind you of:

- School dinners are now priced at £2.30 per day, £11.50 a week, payable a week in advance via parent pay.
- Parental Emails – As an eco-school, we are constantly looking at ways to reduce the amount of paper we use therefore we aim to send as much information to parents via email. We use homeconnect via klz and we ask that the office has an up to date email address in order for us to communicate in this way.

What are we learning about this term?

Key Areas covered this term in Maths:

Children will be revisiting their knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems and apply their skills within real life contexts.

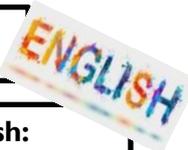
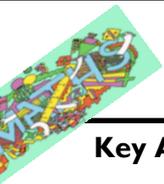
Further on throughout the term, we will be learning more about fractions. We will be comparing and ordering fractions and then applying our knowledge when finding fractions of money and measures.

We are also enjoying learning our tables on the computers. Please ensure that your child is practising their timestable facts by way of logging on to our very inspiring RockStarTT online platform- their log in and password can be found in their homework diaries.

Key Areas covered this term in English:

In the first few weeks, the children will be studying a wonderful book called Ottoline and the Yellow Cat. It is a mystery book, so we will also be planning and writing our own mysteries. I can't wait to read them all! Later on in the term, we will be looking again at poetry. We will be focussing on how we can use words and phrases to create atmosphere.

We will also be continuing with our incredibly popular *new* Spelling system, whereby children are set spellings on a weekly basis. The new rule is introduced on a Monday, with a set of spellings sent home to learn, ready for a test on Friday. They also have a log-in to access the 'Spelling Shed' – a new online platform for learning the spellings that have been set.





It's a Master Piece, Science, French, Music and PE:

During term 4, the children will be learning about a range of different artists. In this art based unit, children will be learning about the lives of different artists; they will investigate the inspirations and techniques used with a view to replicating some of these artistic styles.

Within Science, we will be learning about light and shadows through the story of Peter Pan. The children will be investigating how shadows are made and investigating which materials create the best shadow. The whole unit will culminate in the children using their knowledge to make and perform a shadow puppet play.

Furthermore, we will be learning the French language through games, quizzes, role play and short animations – covering saying your name and age, where you live, numbers up to 20 and what the weather is like.

In Music, the children will be learning to sing a song all about some of our values; kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

PE takes the focus of indoor athletics and hockey. We will be learning the skills needed to compete in a range of different events and also be developing our teamwork skills in the game of hockey.

PHSE:



At WJS, we have 6 main values: Respect, Fairness, Trust, Responsibility, Determination and Caring. Our PHSE focus for the third term will be caring. We will be looking at how we can describe our feelings whilst also looking at conflicting feelings and experiences. Also we will be learning about feelings that are associated with change and how to respond to the feelings of others.

Additional Information:

PE kits should be in school every day due to weather constraints and occasional changes in timetable. Children should be reading every night and we really value your support in ensuring that this is recorded in their contact books and their bookmarks are signed – they will be checked on a daily basis and rewards are given.

Homework for Literacy, Maths and topic continues to be set on a Wednesday to be returned the next Monday. Topic homework is based on a points system; we encourage the children to select their own activity each week to complete, with the aim of achieving 30 points or more over the term. If there are any difficulties with homework or children are struggling, there is a voluntary homework club during lunchtime on a Thursday; everyone is welcome and Mrs Harris will be there to support if needed.

Thank you for your support and best wishes from the Year 3 Team.

Dates for the diary:

Dogs Trust Workshops for each class (Dates to be confirmed)

Tuesday 5th March - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World

Monday 4th March - Thursday 7th March - World Book Week, plus 'Live-lesson' on World Book Day (Thursday 7th March)

Friday 8th March and Friday 15th March - Forest School Visit for Year 4

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - National Shakespeare Week - Shakespeare workshops for Year 5 and a whole school performance on Monday

Friday 22nd - UKSports Centre - 30 Year 6 children to complete W4W

Monday 25th March - Live lesson for all classes on Plastics in the ocean

Thursday 28th March - PTFA Plant sale

Friday 29th March - Mop up plant sale and Reports out to parents

Friday 5th April - Last day of term

