

# Whitstable Junior School



## Term 2 Curriculum Information 2018 For parents in Year 3



Wow, what a fantastic first term we have had! The year 3 children have settled really well in to the WJS family and it is amazing to see new friendships being made.

Our first topic about The Stone Age was very exciting and the children really enjoyed learning about prehistoric life. The children produced some excellent Legends and they have been working hard to improve their maths skills.

This is going to be a busy term for Year 3 with the Nativity! We are sure to have a fun, exciting and busy term of learning!

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.

## What are we learning about this term?



### Key Areas covered this term in

#### Maths

In Maths lessons, we will be starting the term looking at fractions. We will then be developing our skills within multiplication and division.

As the term progresses, we will be learning about shape, directions and position, using Where's Wally to help with instructions. Also, we will be learning to tell the time; this can be a tricky concept to learn and children may benefit from conversations at home about how long things take and the difference between am and pm.

#### Times tables

We work hard to learn times tables in year 3 and we check how well the children know them every week. If you can help them practice that would be great. Thank you.



### Key Areas covered this term in English

At WJS, we use a programme called Read, Write Inc, which supports children with reading and phonics. This is taught in small groups within the Literacy sessions. Also we will be reading a story entitled 'Storm'. The children listen to the story and predict what may happen at various points. They focus on character, setting and mood, asking questions as the story progresses and locating evidence in the text to answer specific questions. They will learn why descriptive sentences are important and how setting affects the mood. In grammar and punctuation, we will revise and develop punctuating direct speech and then work on nouns, adjectives and expanded noun phrases. Our second unit is Shape Poetry. In this unit, the children learn about and enjoy reading calligrams before writing their own.

**Reading at home:** We encourage children to read as often as possible- the children love having their contact books signed so they can get their rewards.

**Spellings:** Children will also be sent out a list of spellings to learn over the term for fortnightly spelling tests.



## France, French, Nativity and PE:



During term 2 the children will be learning about France; to start this topic we will fly, by Google Earth, to the country of France, looking at where it is located and its relationship to the United Kingdom. On our journey around France, we will identify physical and human characteristics whilst comparing these with the UK. Our journey continues by comparing and contrasting the two capital cities of Paris and London. Towards the end of our study, an exciting French Café will take place where the children can sample some traditional French cuisine and the best part is, you're invited. We will send a letter out nearer the time. To end our journey, the children will create their own French travel brochures. Maybe they will even be able to persuade you to go on holiday to France! The children will also be continuing to learn the French Language through exciting and engaging activities such as games and songs.

During other lessons children will be developing their co-ordination, and fitness through dance and rugby. Year 3 also have the wonderful opportunity to perform a Nativity play to the school and to families We will be practicing hard and look forward to performing on Monday 10 December at 2.15pm and again at 6pm.

### PHSE:

In PSHE, we will be exploring the concept of fairness. In addition to this we will also be holding an Anti-Bullying week where children will be learning about the risks online and how to keep themselves safe through lots of engaging activities, games and film clips. We hope this will help the children to forge new friendships as they continue their journey through Whitstable Junior School.



### Here are a few extra pieces of useful information that we would like to share with you:

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break time; this can be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. If you prefer, the children can purchase a fruit token from their teacher in the morning for 40p and spend it at the fruit café at break.

PE kits should be in school every day due to weather constraints and occasional changes in timetable.

Homework for Literacy, Maths and Topic will be sent out 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 30points or more over the term. If there are any difficulties with homework or children are struggling, Mrs Harris runs a homework club during Lunchtime on a Thursday. Everyone is welcome and she will be there to support if needed.

Dates for the diary:

-Poppies on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

-WW1 Celebrations - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to dress up as an evacuee on the Thursday.

-Health and Weight check on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - letters will be sent out to provide you with further information.

Tombola Thursday is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Our Open morning is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November for prospective parents.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Is our Pantomime Day and wear a Christmas jumper.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Fair from 3:15pm

