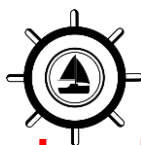


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Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019 for parents in Year 3



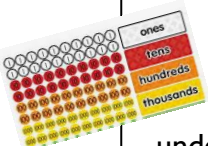
The whole of the Year 3 team would like to take the opportunity to welcome all the children and families to year 3.

We are thoroughly looking forward to all of the amazing activities and special opportunities that we have planned for this term and watching the children settle in to the Whitstable Junior School family. We are also looking forward to working alongside all the families and carers.

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



Children will be developing their understanding of **number and place value** through partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers to at least 200. They will be working on **estimating and rounding numbers** within problem solving tasks.

Addition and subtraction will be taught via a range of methods so that the children can think carefully about which way is most efficient to solve a problem. This will include using objects, pictorial representations, mental arithmetic and written methods.



Times tables

We work hard to learn times tables in year 3 and we use a program called **Times Table Rockstars**. (<https://www.ttrockstars.com>) The online platform features fun games and competitions for learning tables. Your child will bring home a login for this and it will form part of their weekly homework.

Key Areas covered this term in English



This term, children will be developing their understanding of the Stone Age through reading and exploring a range of related inspiring texts. They will also be looking in depth at the amazing Dragon Slayer film and building on their writing skills as we write our own legends.

Alongside our literacy lessons, we use a programme called **Read, Write Inc**, which supports some children with reading and phonics. This is taught in small groups within the Literacy sessions.

Reading at home

We encourage children to enjoy reading at home as often as possible-every night is perfect- and the children love having their contact books signed so they can get their rewards.

Spellings

At WJS we use an exciting computer program called Spelling Shed. Children will bring home a list of spellings each week for a test on Friday.





The Stone Age, Rocks and Soils, Art, French and PE:



During term 1 we will be taking the children back to the Stone Age, immersing the children into **how people lived and ate, ways of hunting, use of different textures to create cave paintings and how archaeologists know so much about that time in History**. The children will have the chance to forage for materials to use in paintings, experience and hold real mammoth vertebrae as well as be real archaeologists. How exciting!

During their science lessons, children will be **describing how different rocks are formed**. They will investigate their **durability, absorbency** and even make edible rocks! During other lessons children will be developing **their co-ordination, and fitness** through dance, gym and team games and develop their music skills through singing, learning all about life as a Christian. Furthermore they will be learning **French** language through games, quizzes, role play and short animations – covering days of the week, counting, introducing themselves, food names and school equipment.



PHSE:

Our PHSE focus for the first term will be **Keeping Safe**. We will learn through circle time and peer work to encourage understanding of the importance of keeping safe, to be aware of who keeps us safe, develop their listening skills and forge new friendships as they begin their journey through Whitstable Junior School. There is also an exciting opportunity for each child to take part in our **Royal Native Citizenship Award**. This award enables children to collect evidence of when they have shown **Respect and Fairness for their Community and those in it**. Mrs Migden will be coming into classes next week to explain more about this exciting award that reflects our **Curriculum Drivers and Our Values**.

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.
- **Weekly Homework:** Children will be set Spellings, Reading and Times Tables to practice each week. This should be recorded in their Contact Books. Access to our online platforms: SpellingShed and TTRockstars will be given out today.
- **Optional Topic homework:** Children will be given a Homework Grid which contains a variety of different activities that *can* be completed should you as a family enjoy completing additional activities together. Up to 2 activities a week can be completed and handed to the class Teacher, recorded in their Homework books, on a weekly basis. 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:

- Friday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day
- Monday 16th September – Open Classroom 3:15-4:00pm
- Tuesday 17th September – Jeans for Genes Day
- Friday 20th September – Individual Photos
- Tuesday 24th September – Taster Maths Parents Meeting in the studio 1pm – 2:30pm
- Friday 27th September – McMillan Coffee morning
- Thursday 10th September – Hello Yellow Day – wear something Yellow
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th October – Black History Week
- Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October – Parents Evening
- Friday 18th October – End of Term 1

