



Whitstable Junior School



Term 3 Curriculum Information 2020 For parents in Year 4



What are we learning about this term?



Key Skills and Knowledge covered this term in Maths, Literacy, RE and Science:

During our marvellous maths lessons, children will be mastering **Multiplication and division problems, measure (area) and fractions.**



- We will be multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and solving problems using these methods,
- We will be calculating area on a grid, solving area problems using multiplication and comparing the area of different shapes,
- We will also start by looking at tenths and hundredths before moving onto; equivalent fractions, mixed fractions, adding fraction, subtracting fractions and solving problems.

During our exciting Literacy lessons, our children will be studying our **topic theme of Shang Dynasty** through:

- Becoming archaeologists investigating artefacts and documentary evidence in order to answer questions about this distant civilisation. Their work will culminate in a non-chronological report.
- Towards the end of the term, writing will focus on narrative and expressive skills with descriptions of battles and exploits leading to the fall of the Shang Empire.



During our awesome Science lessons, our children will be studying the human body.

- We will be looking specifically at the digestive system and our teeth and their health and uses.

During RE, our children will be studying **'What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?'**

Key Skills and Knowledge covered this term in History, Music, Art, PHSE and ICT:



- As detailed above, the children will be learning about the mighty **Shang Dynasty who ruled much of China** over 3000 years ago. They will look at timelines to secure an understanding of when events occurred in relation to others, **investigate the tomb of Lady Fu Hao** and debate the use of weird and wonderful artefacts found therein. We will look at Chinese writing and how it differs to Western writing and decipher the characters used to depict words. The term will end with a Chinese feast in which the children will have the opportunity to taste green tea, sample noodles and use chopsticks!
- In Art, by the end of this Term we will have created our **very own red clay terracotta warriors.**
- We will begin a new area of vocabulary in French entitled **Mon Anniversaire.**
- In PSHE, we will be looking **at how we grow and change.**



Important dates for the diary:

Monday 6th January – Start of Term 3 for staff and children and launch of NEW Sports Crew 'Ready-to-Learn Yoga'.

Friday 17th January – World Religion Day Celebration (a chance for our children to explore other religions).

Monday 20th – Friday 24th January – WJS Winter Themed Arts Week –inc. trips to the Beany Museum.

Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th – Story –Telling Week.

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear a number for the NSPCC.

Trips to the Horsebridge and other local galleries to studying portraits (TBC).

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day. Visit by Bigfoots Theatre Company for workshops on Cyber-Safety.

Friday 14th February – Wishing you all a very lovely Half Term Break.

