

Whitstable Junior School



Term 1 Curriculum Information 2018 For parents in Year 3



Mrs Harris, Mr Anderson, Mr George, Mrs Fry, Mrs Dean, Miss Meyler, Miss Baker and Mr Howlett would like to take the opportunity to welcome all

the children 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.

Timestables

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.

Children will be developing their understanding of chronology through writing their own autobiography. Maybe you could talk to your child about events that have happened in their lives. We understand that for some children this can be a difficult subject; if there are any concerns please come and see us.

Reading at home

We encourage children to read as often as possible-every night is perfect and 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.



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



During term 1 the children will be learning the Stone Age; 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 and 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.

Furthermore they will be learning French language through games, quiz's, role play and short animations - covering days of the week, counting, introducing themselves, food names and school equipment.

PHSE:

At WJS, we have 6 main values: Respect, Fairness, Trust, Responsibility, Determination and Caring. Our PHSE focus for the first term will be respect. We will learn through circle time and peer work to encourage them to understand the importance of respect, being aware of other people's feelings, develop their listening skills and forge new friendships as they begin 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 breaktime, 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 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, 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:

- Roald Dahl Day 2018 - Thursday 13th September
- Meet the teacher - Tuesday 18th September (3:15-3:45)
- Class Photos - Wednesday 19th September
- Jeans for Jeans Day - Friday 21st September
- Kent Test Results - Thursday 11th October
- Parent Consultations - Wednesday 17th October - 1:30 onwards