

Whitstable Junior School



Term 2 Curriculum Information 2019 For parents in Year 3



The year 3 children have settled really well in to the WJS family and it is amazing to see new friendships being made. Well done to everyone for a lovely first term at WJS!

Our first topic about The Stone Age was very exciting and the children really enjoyed learning about prehistoric life. We have particularly enjoyed the Stone Age creations the children created as extra optional homework. The children have been working hard on their writing and produced some fabulous Stories and Legends. They have also been working hard to improve their maths skills.

We are looking forward to this busy term for Year 3 as we start 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.

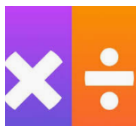


What are we learning about this term?

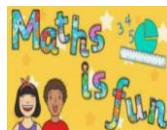


Key Areas covered this term in Maths

In Maths lessons, we will be starting the term looking at multiplication and division. We will then be applying our skills to learn about fractions.



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

In Year 3, we work hard on learning our times tables and regularly check on the progress we make. TTRockstars is great for learning tables and improving speed. Any practice at home would be a great help.

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. This term, we will be looking at 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 how descriptive sentences are important and how a 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. We have challenged all of year 3 to aim to complete the bronze bookmark by Christmas!

Spellings: Each week we look at a new spelling rule and will spend time each day doing spelling activities. Our weekly test is on a Friday. Spelling Shed is a fun way that children can play games and learn spellings at home.



France, French, Nativity and PE:



Google Earth

During term 2 the children will be seeking adventure by flying (via Google Earth) to France! We will be looking at where France 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. To kick off our new topic, we will be having an exciting French Café which will take place where the children can sample some traditional French cuisine. 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 how to introduce themselves and count in French 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.

We 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 Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm and again on Thursday 12th December at 6pm. Watch out for further information about tickets, nearer the time.

PHSE:

In PSHE, we will be exploring community and 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. Please make sure PE Kits and School Uniforms have your child's name in them so lost items can be easily returned. Optional Topic Homework 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 30 points or more over the term.



Dates for the diary:

- **Friday 1st November- 3H will be read to by the amazing Ben Roddy, whilst the rest of the school listen**
- **WWI Celebrations/Remembrance on Monday 11th November**
- **Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11th to Friday 15th November**
- **Our Open morning for prospective parents is on 16th November, children will be invited to help during the morning.**
- **Arts Week – Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December**
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the school on Tuesday 10th December.**
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the families and friends on Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm and again on Thursday 12th December at 6pm.**
- **Our Pantomime Day is on Friday 13th December.**
- **Our Christmas Lunch and Wear a something Festive is on Tuesday 17th December.**
- **Our Christmas Fair from 3:15pm on Wednesday 18th December.**
- **End of Term is Thursday 19th December at 3:15pm.**