

OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM FOR TERM 1 2017

Year 3

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you have all had a lovely summer, the Year 3s have arrived full of energy and are raring to go! This year will be full of learning and interesting opportunities for your child, and an exciting start to their time at Phoenix Junior Academy.

Numeracy

- In Numeracy we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction. We will be working to improve our mental maths strategies and apply our number fact knowledge to solve problems, including money problems, perhaps you could practise this at home or in the supermarket - how many bread rolls can you buy for £1.00?
- Helping your child to learn their times tables will help them to make rapid progress in class, and be useful to them in real life situations.

Literacy

- In Literacy, we will be starting with Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox. We will be working on our descriptive writing, looking at setting and characters.
- Later in the term we will be learning about instruction and explanation texts. We will be looking at a range of example texts and finding out what we need to include in the different styles of writing.

Science Science

- In Science, we will be learning about forces such as gravity and magnetism. Why does a ball fall to earth and what stops a parachute from crashing to the ground?

History



- In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age and early man. We will look at the different types of houses and tools they had. This will lead us through the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. We will find out how life was different and what it would have been like to live all those years ago.

RE



- In RE will be learning about Sikhism and why Sikhs may choose to join the Khalsa (A Sikh who has undergone the Sacred Amrit Ceremony).
- RE will be taught by Miss Law in both classes each week.

Art



- In Art we will be finding out about patterns and shapes. We will improve our sketching skills and learn to create Cave art.

Spanish



- In Spanish, they will use simple greetings and learn numbers 1 to 10 along with naming items in a pencil case. Spanish will be taught by a Spanish teacher once a week.

PE



- PE is taught by qualified coaches. This term the children will be taught Tag rugby.
- Please ensure that children have dark shorts and a plain white t-shirt ready for PE. They will also have dark jogging bottoms/tracksuit and a sweatshirt to wear as they will be doing PE outside throughout the winter months.
- Emerald and Diamond classes have their PE lesson on Mondays. Please ensure they have their kit on a Monday ready for the week and any club they're a member of. Letters have been sent home regarding clubs. They should also have their plimsoles/trainers to

change into if they want to play sports or go on the play equipment during break and lunchtimes.

Music

- Music will be taught by a music teacher once a week. This term the focus is on singing.

Values

- Our value for this term is Empathy. We will be learning what this means and how we can show empathy. You could discuss with you child how they can show empathy at home.

ICT

- ICT will be taught in the computer room once a week by Miss Law. The focus for this term will be on e-safety.

Homework

- Homework is set every Monday and due on Fridays. They will have a piece of Literacy and Numeracy work to complete. Spellings and times table tests will be on a Monday.

To help your child at home you can...

- Encourage them to read for 15 minutes, 5 times a week and complete their reading record with their progress. Discuss their reading books and retell the stories.
- Encourage them to practice their spellings and times tables ready for the test on Mondays.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year and thank you for your support in advance. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Borda and Mrs Regan