

# OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM FOR TERM 3 and 4 2019

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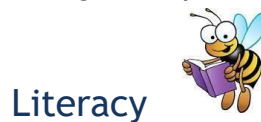
## Year 3

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The Year 3s have now settled into their classes and are working hard. We have another 2 terms of interesting things to investigate, trips to go on, and new learning to take place in Phoenix Junior Academy.



- In Numeracy we will still be learning about the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be practicing our mental strategies using our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 to help work out addition and subtraction quickly.
- We will be concentrating more on Multiplication and Division so work on times tables is always helpful. We have been focusing on two, five and ten times tables, but now we are moving on to three, four and eight times tables.
- We will also be covering fractions, data handling, including tallies, drawing and interpreting graphs. Money and solving word problems.



- In Literacy, we will be working on Traditional tales in term 3 and we will look at fairy tales. The main elements of a fairy tale, eg openings, endings, main characters and settings. The children will then have the opportunity to write a play script using a well known fairy tale, a fairy tale with a twist and their own fairy tale.
- In term 4 we will be working on descriptions, newspaper reports and recounts.



- In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans, which includes nutrition, and healthy diet for different animals, and the study of skeletons,
- In term 4 we are studying plants and the conditions they need to grow in.

## History/Geography



- In Geography we are studying the extreme earth, covering volcanoes and earthquakes.
- In term 4 we are studying Romans and will be visiting The Museum of Kent Life for a Roman day.

RE



The focus in RE will be Christianity. The children will explore Jesus and his miracles, they will make comparisons with their own lives. They will then study forgiveness and how it helps Christians. They will be encouraged to explore ideas and relate to themselves.

Art



- In Design and Technology we are going to make our own exploding volcanoes

PE



This term the children will be looking at the skills needed for hockey. They will be working in pairs and small groups. Passing, tackling, defending and shooting at the goal will be practised. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a game. Term 4 will be tag rugby. During this time the focus will be the rules and understanding tag rugby. The correct positioning and passing. All of this work will build towards games.

- 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



- In their Music lessons, year 3 are enjoying learning lots of new and fun songs. We add actions to the lyrics and focus is placed on singing the melodies with accuracy. In addition to this, year 3 will also learn how to read a form of notation called Graphic Score. The children will learn how to interpret a written score and then, as part of a small group, compose and perform their own. They will experience using tuned and untuned percussion instruments to improvise, which is in response to different stimulus such as a thunder storm.

## Computing



- Computing will be taught in the computer room once a week. The focus for term 3 will be animation.

## Homework



- Homework is set every Friday and due the following Thursday. Spellings and times table tests will be on a Thursday.

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. It is important your child can not just read the text but understand what the text is about. You can discuss the reading book with them, get them to retell the story and question them on what they have read.
- Encourage them to practice their spellings and times tables ready for the test on Thursdays.

Thank you for your support in advance. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Flack, Mrs Sanders and Mr Irons