

Primary 3 Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer

August 2023

Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 3. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school, and we are delighted to say that they have all settled very happily into a new area and a new classroom. New routines have been discussed and successfully established too. We have spent the first two weeks working together as a class team to build our class community, and we are now beginning to create our class charter to support this. The children are looking forward to a busy term, and they already have lots of ideas for the weeks ahead! We look forward to sharing our learning with you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Walker and Mrs Kellner

English & Literacy



Reading:

We will be using fiction and non-fiction texts this term, to help develop skills in predicting, questioning and summarising. Reading books will be assigned to the children weekly and should be brought to school every day.

Spelling: We will continue to use the Jolly Grammar scheme to introduce new spelling and grammar concepts each week.

Writing: Using PM Writing, our initial focus will be on writing descriptions and recounts. Some of our writing will also link closely to IDL work.

Handwriting: We will use the Letter-join programme to develop correct letter size and formation across all writing tasks.

Listening and Talking: We will continue to share ideas and opinions with partners, small groups and with a larger audience when appropriate.

Numeracy and Maths:



Numeracy:

This term we will focus on place value, rounding and estimation.

We will continue to practise a variety of strategies to add and subtract within and beyond 20.

Games and activities will be used to practise estimation skills. Practical experiences will help us to develop strategies to support counting a collection of items. In Number Talks we will discuss the most efficient way to determine the answer to a problem.

Maths – Beyond Number

Position and Directional Language

Grid references

Angles

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) focus:

Through consultation with the children, and following current interests in the classroom, our new context for learning is: The Deep Blue Sea

We will be learning through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Science, Literacy and Technologies.

The key questions we will look at are: Where are the seas and oceans?

What creatures live in the sea?

What forms of transport can be used to travel across the sea?

Where do lighthouses stand and how do they work?

How can we protect our seas and oceans?

Class information:

PSW: Mrs Clark will be supporting learning throughout the week.

PE with Mrs Kellner will be on Wednesday, and also with either Mrs Kellner or Mrs Walker on Friday each week.

Any additional information:

Homework: Reading books will be given out on a Tuesday and should be returned on the following Monday. Spelling and Numeracy/Maths tasks will be regularly available on Seesaw. Children can also access Sumdog at home.

Water Bottles: Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. This should contain water only.