



It is a pleasure to welcome your child to an exciting journey through Year 3 this year. We have some exciting events and learning coming up this year and we appreciate your support over the coming months. Our topic to kick off our first half term revolves around Spies and geographical skills.

Achieving Success

The Year 3 team this comprises of Miss Johnson and Miss Pandya (Belgium class), and Mrs Thomas and Miss Ana (Norway class).

Mathematics -

This term we will be recapping key learning from Year 2 before moving on to extending children's knowledge of place value to four-digit numbers. Using our new place value knowledge, the children will work on addition and subtraction methods for four-digit numbers. We will also be working on number sense – exploring calculation strategies for addition and subtraction.

Science – Physics

In Year 3, children will study the phenomena of energy and sound. Children will explore how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating and learn how vibrations from sounds travel to the ear. They will also explore patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and how distance can affect how clear or faint a sound is.

Topic – Geography.

Children will learn how to read maps and use their geographical skills to plot features on a map. Children will understand how to use a compass and how to create their map of their geographical area (including the use of a key).

PSHE – Ups and Downs

Our PSHE sessions this term will focus on self-awareness – supporting resilience and impulsivity. Our weekly Community Circles will provide children with opportunities to self-reflect and offer a 'sorry' or 'thank you' to their peers. As both Norway and Belgium classes are new groups of children, we'll be spending time on building a sense of 'family' and 'togetherness'.

Literacy -

In Literacy, we are going to be studying non-chronological reports – non-fiction writing that gives us information. We will also explore how non-chronological reports can be read in any order. Children will carry out their own research to write their own reports about Spies. During SPaG lessons we will look at the use of rhetorical questions, ellipsis, homophones and commas in a list.

Art –

To link with this term's Literacy theme about Spies, children will be using different mediums to create spy gadgets including X-ray specs and periscopes!

Physical Education -

The children in P.E this half term will be learning to throw and catch whilst displaying control and accuracy, in isolation and varied environments. They will demonstrate changes of direction, speed & level during performances or in competitive environments.

Other Useful Information: This year, children will be required to come to school in their PE kits each **Monday**. Each week your child will be sent home with a reading book from the School Library. Every child should read at least one book every week, please ensure these are returned when they are finished. Alongside the subjects listed, children will also participate in Spanish and Recorder lessons each Tuesday, with Drama and Dance each Friday afternoon.

Topic words – These are some of the words and ideas we will be exploring throughout the term. If your child is unsure of any definitions it would be very useful for them if you went over them to check their understanding.

Gadgets

Clothes

Secretive

Place value – ones, tens, hundreds

Groups of ten

Numerals

North, East, South, West

NE (north east), NW (north west), SE (south east) and SW (south west)

Map key

Symbol