



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Grade 3 Curriculum Update

March 2016

Curriculum

Grade 3 have settled well into streaming and teachers are pleased at how well children have adapted to their new classes for English and Maths. We have noticed a hugely positive impact on children's progress over the past few weeks due to streaming and we are sure this will continue into the rest of the academic year.

Please contact your child's new Maths and English teacher if you have any questions or issues you want to discuss.

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English

In English we have been focusing on the genre of Traditional Tales, exploring Traditional story settings, characters, language features and structure. Over the coming weeks we will be progressing onto Fables, exploring the type of language used in Fable stories, the morals within the stories and how to plan and write our own Fable stories.

Bug Club

All students have received their username and password for our online reading scheme Bug Club. Please encourage your child to use Bug Club each night to read a story and answer the reading comprehension questions by clicking on the 'Bug' symbols on the book pages. You can access Bug Club at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk by entering the username, password and school code.

Maths

During March we will be covering the following topics in maths; find the effect of dividing a number by 10 and 100, recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths, count up and down in hundredths, recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by tens, recognise and write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, compare numbers with the same number of decimal places and rounding decimals with one place to the nearest whole number.

You can support your child with these topics at home by helping them to recognise the decimal equivalents to the fractions mentioned above, practising division by 10 and 100 and supporting them to apply their knowledge of rounding numbers to round decimals to the nearest whole number. Homework materials will be sent home each week related to these topics. Please ensure children complete and return their homework on time.

Science

In Science we have started our new topic of sound. We will be learning to recognise how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating and recognising that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. We will also be investigating how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and finding patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

Topic

In topic we have been enjoying learning about the lives of the ancient Egyptians. We are almost at the end of our Egyptian topic. The last few weeks of this topic we will focus on artefacts of the past and how they help us to understand the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. In Art we will be making replica cartouches and decorating them using hieroglyphics and in DT we will be making 3d pyramid models.

Homework and weekly spelling tests

Your child receives homework every Sunday. Please return this completed each Wednesday. We would like your support in continuing to encourage children to prepare for their weekly spelling test by helping them to practise at home. Please also continue to practise times tables at home – by the end of Grade 3 children are expected to know and be able to recall their times tables facts up to 12 x 12!

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing correct uniform. School shoes should be black. All items of uniform are now in stock in all sizes to buy from Zak's so we now expect to see each student wearing correct uniform.

Stationary

This is a further polite reminder that your child needs to have a labelled pencil case containing these stationary items: *pencils; colouring pencils; glue stick; scissors; ruler; eraser; whiteboard markers*. Please make sure your child's stationary is **labelled**, especially whiteboard markers, glue sticks and scissors. Thank you very much to all who have done this.

Thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,

Grade 3 teachers.