



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Grade 3 Curriculum Guide

September 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that your child had a fantastic summer holiday and that they are ready for what promises to be a great school year. The Grade 3 staff are looking forward to teaching your children and helping them progress. We have two new members of staff this year, Mr Paul in Grade 3D and Mr John in Grade 3I. You may know Mr Callum and Ms Nicola from Grade 2, they have moved up with the children. Ms Yvonne is teaching Grade 3C and Ms Sasha is teaching Grade 3E. I am the new Grade Leader, Mr Matthew, and I will be teaching Grade 3B. All of our email addresses are listed below.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school in the correct school uniform, and that they have the correct stationery and books. Each homeroom teacher will inform you when their class has PE, please ensure that children are wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day.

Bug Club passwords will be sent out in children's diaries, and homework will be uploaded on BRIC weekly. Please inform me if you have any issues accessing this.

Every homeroom class will be allocated a weekly library session, where children are welcome to borrow books using their student badges.

We have a new subject in Grade 3 this year, "Moral and Ethics Education", where children will learn how to be good citizens, take care of their health and well-being, and care for others. Each child will have one lesson a week on this subject.

The Grade 3 Team are always available via email if you have any questions or concerns.

The curriculum guide for September is outlined below.

Kind regards,

Mr Matthew, Grade 3 Leader

English

In English we will be learning about "Recounts". The children will be learning how to write in the past tense and in the first person, as well as how to use the 5W's (who, what, where, when, why) in a recounted piece of writing. Some classes will be writing a diary entry recount and learning about the features of newspaper articles.

Every Thursday, the children will have an English lesson focusing specifically on spelling, punctuation and grammar, in order to improve the fluency and structure of their writing.

After our "Recounts" unit, we will begin our "Narrative" unit where children will learn how to describe characters and settings in ways that keep the reader engaged.

Maths

In Maths, children will begin by learning about number and place value, and what the value of each digit means in a whole number. They will learn this through partitioning, ordering and comparing numbers. Some children will be learning how to count negative numbers and how to round whole numbers to a specific place value. For the rest of September, children will be recapping and improving their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Every Thursday, the children will have a Maths lesson focusing specifically on problem solving and reasoning, applying their Maths knowledge in real-life situations and contexts.

Topic

Our first Topic for the school year is "Ancient Egypt". Children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilization, locating Egypt on a map of the world and finding specific areas of historical interest in Egypt. Children will learn about the many fascinating discoveries that archaeologists have made in Egypt, and what we can learn about the past from these incredible finds. Also, the children will be learning about hieroglyphics, the Ancient Egyptian form of writing. Finally this month, children will begin to look at Tutankhamun, the famous pharaoh.

Science

Our first unit in Science is "Living Things and their Habitats". Children will be learning about the features of different animals and how they have adapted to live in certain habitats around the world, such as deserts or rainforests. Children will also be learning how certain plants are suited to their habitats. Also, the children will be learning how to classify animals into different groups based on their features, such as reptiles, amphibians, mammals and fish.

Stationery required in your child's pencil case: Every child should have a pencil case containing the items listed below all labelled with their name to ensure they can access the activities planned by the teacher.

White board pen

White board eraser

Pencil

Pencil eraser

Blue or black ball point pen

Red pen

Glue stick

Ruler

Sharpener

Scissors

Protractor

Coloured pencils

Highlighters green and yellow

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