

EAST SHEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR THREE CURRICULUM BULLETIN AUTUMN TERM



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you had a restful summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

English

In English this term the children we will be learning about a range of writing genres (including playscripts, letters and non-chronological reports) through the study of different Roald Dahl and non-fiction Rainforest texts. In addition to English lessons the children will have weekly spelling, grammar and handwriting lessons and guided reading sessions.

Maths

In Mathematics lessons this term we will be focusing on number skills and operations: Number and place value; Addition and Subtraction; Multiplication and Division. There will be a big emphasis on learning number facts and times tables (more information to follow on this) and, in addition to maths lessons, the children will have weekly sessions where they will practise mental maths and arithmetic skills.

Physical Education

Every Friday NSSport will be teaching the children multi-skills, basketball, football and uni-hockey. Due to time constraints the children should come to school each Friday dressed in their PE kits (school uniform kits only please) with their uniforms in their PE bags to change into after their PE lesson. Each class will also have either an indoor PE lesson or swimming session on a Wednesday. This term 3K will be doing PE on a Wednesday so will need to bring PE kits into school each Wednesday.

Swimming lessons will run for 20 weeks, covered over two terms. 3C will swim in the Autumn and Spring Terms, 3Cr in the Autumn and Summer and 3K the Spring and Summer. Swimming will take place on a Wednesday morning at Putney Leisure Centre, starting on **Wednesday 12th September**. The children will need to bring their swimming kit every Wednesday, this **MUST** include: swimwear, towel, goggles and swimming cap (available from the school office). During the Autumn Term 3C will leave school at 9:15am prompt for a lesson at 10 a.m. and 3Cr will leave at 9:45am to be ready for their 10:30 a.m. lesson. We will be taking the bus to Putney Leisure Centre with each lesson

lasting 30 minutes. There may be occasions when we need to walk to or from the swimming lessons so please ensure your child has a coat with them each Wednesday.

Science

'Animals including Humans' is our first science topic where the children will learn about nutrition, the skeletal system, and muscles. Our second science topic will be 'Forces and Magnets' where the children will investigate different forces including gravity, friction and magnetic forces.

Computing

This term the children will be learning how to write simple programs and detect and resolve a variety of computer bugs. During the second half of the term the children will be developing their internet research skills; learning how to make effective searches and make notes from their findings. E-safety will be a fundamental part of the children's learning throughout computing lessons.

Topic

In Geography in the first half-term the children will be studying the map of the UK, considering physical and human features of the UK landscape and developing an understanding of suitable climates for Food and Farming in the UK. In the latter half of the term they will further their knowledge of the world atlas and learn about the locations and features of Tropical Rainforests.

Art

We closely link our art activities and learning with our Topics. We will be investigating a range of media throughout the term and will look at the work of David Hockney and Giuseppe Archimboldo alongside our Food and Farming topic.

DT (Design Technology)

We hope to offer (through parental volunteers and support) the children the opportunity to cook in small groups this term. If you are able to help in this activity please advise either your class teacher or class representatives,

RE (Religious Education)

In RE this term our topics will be 'Who was Jesus?' and 'Why are gifts given at Christmas?'

PSHE (Personal , Social and Health Education)

Thinking hats, role play and circle time help us to explore the feelings and ideas around 'Being Me in my World'. This will help with the initial transition into Key Stage 2 and will provide an opportunity to ease any concerns the children might have. Towards the end of the Autumn Term we will cover 'Celebrating Differences'.

Fab Friday

In KS2 we have Fab Fridays where the children take part in a selection of activities that focus specifically on developing their creativity. These include learning a foreign language, music and drama, as well as physical and artistic activities:

French

The children will learn basic words and phrases, develop their accents and understanding and focus heavily on speaking and listening; this will be taught by a specialist teacher.

Music

Music lessons are part of Fab Friday. The children will develop their rhythmic skills and work in small groups to compose short pieces of music. The children will also learn about technical vocabulary.

Homework

Homework this year will focus primarily on reading activities, spellings, maths skills and number facts/times tables practice. Homework and spellings will be set each Thursday and the children will have a week to complete their homework and practise their spellings, ready to be tested the following Thursday. Maths homework will typically involve practising number facts using 'Times Tables Rockstars' (further information to follow) or the Hit the Button website, or completing a short activity on 'MyMaths' (again further information will follow when we set our first homework on this). We ask the children to read for 15 minutes at home on a daily basis and record this in their reading diaries. We also ask that parents continue to read with their child regularly and check and sign their diaries at least once each week. We use an online platform, Renaissance Learning, to track children's reading progress and each week they will be given the opportunity to complete quizzes, using the platform, on materials read at home. You will learn more about this at our curriculum evening and further information will also be sent to parents directly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Roald Dahl's Birthday – On Thursday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday. To mark the day we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of his books. Our day will be based on Dahl texts and characters.

Curriculum Evening

Please come along on **Monday 10th September at 7pm in the Hall** where there will be a short presentation to cover the curriculum and expectations of the year group.

Trips – We are currently in the process of organising trips and events for this term to complement our learning and will give further details as soon as they are available.

Swimming – Swimming lessons begin Wednesday 12th September. (3C and 3Cr only)

We hope you find this information useful but should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. We are looking forward to a truly enjoyable year!

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