

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



Autumn Term – Year 3

General Information

Welcome to Year 3! Your child is in Rosen Class with Mr Rosewell, or Dahl Class with Miss Nixon. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Cuttle and Mrs Panayi.

English

We will be studying various texts in lessons, which are linked to our Explore and Discover topics. These will include 'Ug – Boy Genius of the Stone Age' by Raymond Briggs and 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. We will also be writing narrative and non-fiction texts throughout the first term. We have a weekly Grammar and Punctuation lesson to help improve our writing.

Mathematics

Our focus will be place value, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 1000, introducing basic fractions, revision of times tables 2x, 5x, 10x and addition and subtraction - both mentally and with written methods. Please refer to the calculation policy (which can be accessed through the school website) to see the written methods we will be teaching – particularly column addition and subtraction.

Explore and Discover

Explore and Discover encompasses all of our science, history, geography, art and D.T. lessons. For the first half term our main topic will be 'Stones and Bones'. We will be learning about rocks and soils, and the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will consider prehistoric life and homes, explore Skara Brae and Stonehenge and think about different rocks and soils and how they are used and formed.

In the second half term we will focus on our topic 'In the Spotlight'. We will be learning about light and shade, shadows and making and decorating shadow puppets. We will also be learning about Forces and Magnets.

RE

We will be focusing on Christianity this term.

PE

Our PE lessons will focus on games and gymnastics. PE kits will need to be in school every Wednesday. Our swimming lessons will be on Friday afternoon. On days that the children do not have P.E or swimming, they will be taking part in the new whole school 'Keston Kilometre'. This involves 15 minutes of daily exercise on the new school track. They will not require a P.E kit for these sessions.

Music

The children will be continuing to learn to play the recorder during our music lessons.

How to help your child

- Encourage your children to read as much as possible and ask them questions to check they understand what they are reading.
- Practise times tables with your child. By the end of year 3 they are expected to know the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- Support your child with their homework. If they find their homework difficult, please make a note on the homework to let us know.
- <https://prehistoric.lgfl.org.uk/> is a great resource for finding out more about the Stone Age.
- www.purplemash.com can be used for a variety of topics, including languages, maths and English. Your child can use their school login to access these resources.
- www.topmarks.co.uk has lots of fun maths games. We especially recommend Hit the Button to practice times tables.

Homework

Children will receive Maths or English homework every Thursday to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Children will have a spelling pattern to focus on each week in school and as part of their homework. Your child will bring home their spelling book each Thursday and should complete the task they will have started in school by the following Tuesday. It is very helpful if you can work with them on that spelling pattern at home, for example put words containing the spelling pattern into written sentences, as children will be tested on words containing their spelling pattern on Tuesdays. Children will bring their school reading book home every day. They are expected to read their school reading scheme book aloud to an adult at least three times a week. Each week, we will celebrate the Star Readers (those children who have read their school reading book at least 3 times in a week).

Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure **all** of your child's uniform is clearly named. Earrings should be removed for PE and swimming unless a note of permission is given to your child's class teacher. We would also like to remind you that hairbands should be plain.

Parent Helpers

We welcome help from parents to help with swimming lessons, hearing children read or with general classroom jobs. Let your class teacher know if you are available. Please be aware you will need a DBS to help in school. Please see the office if you require one.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Mr Rosewell and Miss Nixon