



WHAT WE ARE WE LEARNING YEAR 3 - SPRING TERM 2020



English: Our core texts this term will be *Around the World in 80 Days* and *Noah's Ark*. The pupils will start the term developing their debating skills and focusing on writing a newspaper report with a well-researched and factual account. We will then move on to writing formal letters in the second half of the term.

Maths: We will begin the term exploring *Geometry (Shapes and Angles)*, after which we study *Fractions, Time and Measurement*. There will be a continued focus on mental maths skills and basic number work throughout the term.

Science: *Animals (including Humans)*. We will be investigating the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle based on the needs and amount of nutrition as well as looking inside the bodies of animals and humans to find out the bone and muscle structures that help them function.



Educational Visits (all dates still to be confirmed)

1. Sikh Gurdwara
2. Geographical fieldwork - Beckton Park

This half term our topic is 'Around the World'

Geography: *Countries of the World*. Pupils will take a trip around the world investigating the different geographical features that make a "place" and how/why "places" are different.

RE: Pupils will be learning all about the Sikh religion and their beliefs. Part of the learning will be a visit to one of our local Gurdwaras.

Computing: Using the Purple Mash applications, pupils will continue to extend their knowledge and understanding of coding.

ART: Our Art focus will be on different artistic interpretations and use of the skull as an image. The pupils will produce a final painted piece based on the work of the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Other important information:

- Homework and Reading: Homework is given out every FRIDAY and handed back in by the following WEDNESDAY. Please support us by ensuring your child completes their homework independently. Children have been given a new reading record and they change their library book on a Monday. Please listen to your child read and write a comment on how they have read in their reading record. Your child needs to practise their times tables on a daily basis using the Times Tables Rockstar account set up for them.
- PE is on a THURSDAY afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them that day.
- It is important that you bring your child's book bag into school **every day** with their reading record and library book as they will be using them on a daily basis.
- Information about the life of the school (letters, bulletins, accident report forms etc.) are very often put into book bags so a daily check is highly recommended. All information is posted on the website if you need anything or ask a member of staff if you have any questions - we are always happy to help.

Year 3 Staff

Miss Howe - Assistant Head Teacher (3H)
Miss Jones - Class Teacher (3J)
Mr Madden - Class Teacher (3M)
Miss Hulme - Class Teacher (3H)

Chess

Pupils will continue to have chess lessons on a Wednesday afternoon as part of a rotation of lessons which include Spanish and Music.