

Year 3 - Our Spring Term



Welcome back and happy new year!

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! Year 3 have made a great start to the Spring term, settling back quickly and enthusiastically into routines and learning.

We just wanted to point out the following important points. School for Year 3 starts at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30pm.

Please remember that your child will need water and to have their PE kits on the days listed below.

The Weekly Schedule

Music will be on Tuesdays.

PE will be on Tuesdays.

Reading diaries are due on Tuesdays and returned on Thursdays.



Our learning theme is...



SUSTAINABILITY

Dates for your Brookfield Diary

January 8th Inset Day

January 9th First day of Term

February 2nd Trip to London Zoo.

February 12th – 16th Half term

March 8th Inset Day

April 1st – April 12th Easter Holidays

April 15th Summer Term starts

Don't miss a thing – you can view the school calendar on our website [here](#), and please read the weekly newsletter which is emailed to you every Friday

Our learning in Literacy



Our class text will be 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. We will be using the text to write persuasively, and will be linking this to our geography unit. After half term, we will be reading Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man'. We will be inspired by the story to write newspaper reports and more factual accounts of events.

Our learning in Maths



We will be learning how to measure the lengths and perimeters of shapes. We will also be looking at how to measure the weight and capacity of objects. We will continue to practice our times tables and learn how to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

Our Wider Curriculum



In **Science** we are exploring rocks and animals! This half term, we will be exploring skeletons of different animals and thinking about good nutrition. Later in the term, we will be investigating how rocks are one of the building blocks of our world and how they link up with plate tectonics in Geography.

In **Geography** we begin the term by studying the local area, thinking about the different features and improving our map reading skills. We will also be considering what to do if the council decided to build on our beloved heath! Later this term, we will be exploring the world of volcanoes and earthquakes and researching how people live sustainably in active volcano zones.

Key Learning Vocabulary

Herbivore - An animal that only eats plants.

Carnivore - An animal that only eats meat.

Omnivore - An animal that eats both plants and meat.

Nutrition - the types and amounts of food an animal or human needs to stay healthy, grow properly, and have enough energy.

Erosion - The process of wearing away or gradual destruction by wind, water, or other natural agents.

Rock - A solid, natural substance made up of minerals.

Mineral - A substance that is naturally formed and has a definite chemical composition.