

A word from us...

Hello and Happy New Year to our wonderful Year 3 children and families! We hope that you have had a wonderful break and if you celebrate, a Merry Christmas!

A few reminders:

- School PE Active Uniform is to be worn on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Children should bring in a healthy break time snack for morning playtime as well as a filled water bottle please.
- Children should read for ten minutes every evening and need to bring reading books and records into school daily; these need to be signed by a parent or carer before we can change them in school.
- Remember to log in and practise times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars; challenges/competitions are set weekly.
- Look out for our class pet Sunny! She (see picture) is sent home with a child weekly, information and an example of how to use Sunny's diary is at the front of the diary.

Thank you for your continued commitment in supporting the children's journey so far in Year 3, we are already very proud of the progress that has been made and feel thankful that we are able to watch and support as the stars in our class continue to rise! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to have a chat with us at the end of the day!

Best wishes, Miss Braden & Mrs Wadelin



English

This term, we are beginning with a unit based on 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. The children will take inspiration from the characters and events within the book to create poetry. Then we will be exploring Philip Ridley's 'Krinklekrax'. We will focus on grammar, punctuation, writing and editing skills both in explicit lessons and through other subject matter.

We will also continue to develop the VIPERS reading skills in daily whole class reading, using a selection of different genres to engage and challenge children in daily discussion, helping them to practise their speaking and listening skills.

Children are encouraged to use their 'Focus Five' spellings in their writing and will be tested on these regularly so that when they are confident, they are able to choose new spellings to focus on.

Art

This term, the knowledge that the children gained in History about Ancient Egypt will be channelled into Art! They will learn that they art of Ancient Egypt includes sculpture, paintings on papyrus and walls as well as buildings. The children will create their own sphinx from clay, use mixed media to make Egyptian collars and draw Egyptian gods and goddesses in profile on their own homemade papyrus!

Music – Wolverhampton Music School (Ukulele)

Modern Foreign Languages – French.

Computing – Information Technology: Spreadsheets.

Humanities

In History, the children will be learning about Anglo-Saxon, Scots & Vikings. The pupils will explore the lives of people who lived in this period, their homes, jobs, diet, religious beliefs and what they did for fun. They will discuss how we know about the lives of people who lived so long ago, learning about primary and secondary sources.

In Geography, the children will learn about Rivers. This unit teaches them to recognise rivers of the world and how humans are connected to them. They will name, locate and describe key rivers in; Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa.

Maths

The children will be moving onto the second unit of Multiplication and Division this term. Following this, children will move onto Length and Perimeter. Please encourage children to practise their times tables at home, and log into Times Table Rock Stars. I will be able to see where the children need additional support and practise in school. This supports the children in all areas of maths, also preparing them well for the multiplication check in Year Four.

Science

In this unit, pupils will be introduced to forces and magnets, firstly learning about gravity and friction. They will begin to understand that scientists draw conclusions about things they cannot see, like forces, from looking at the effects they have. For example, we cannot see gravity, but we can see a ball fall to the ground when we drop it.

Religious Education – What can we learn from a Mosque?

PE / Games – Basketball, Symmetry and Asymmetry. PE/Games kit to be worn on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

PSHE / British Values – Dreams and Goals:

Difficult challenges and achieving success; Dreams and ambitions; New challenges; Motivation and enthusiasm; Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles; Evaluating learning processes; Managing feelings; Simple budgeting.