

Important Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40am and 8:50am.
- Please make sure clothes, including coats and PE kits, are named.
- Children wanting to play football at lunchtime MUST have a change of trousers and footwear in a named carrier bag.



- Please look at the home reading record book for any messages from your child's teacher. Similarly, if you want to contact us, jot a note in the reading journals or see us at the door at the end of the day.

Who's Who in Year 3?

Mr T Hampshire Rousseau Class Teacher

Mrs S Kyle Rodin Class Teacher

Mrs S Bowler Renoir Class Teacher (Mon - Wed)

Miss M Lewis Renoir Class Teacher (Thurs - Fri)

Year 3 Support Staff: **Mrs Martin, Mrs Baker, Mrs Crosswell, Mrs Browning and Mrs Cantley**



Mrs Kyle



Mr Hampshire



Miss Lewis



Mrs Bowler



Joy Lane Primary School

Year 3 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2

This booklet gives an overview of our teaching and learning programme throughout Terms 1 and 2. In the booklet you will find a breakdown of what your child will be doing in each curriculum area. If you have any further questions, or if you are able to offer any expertise or enrichment opportunities then please see your child's Class Teacher.

Term 1: Survival at Sea

During this term, we will be exploring one of the most important aspects of our local community: lifeboats. We are lucky to live so close to the sea, but it is important to be aware of the dangers it can pose and know of what help is on hand if we ever get into trouble.



We will learn about the history of the RNLI and the Grace Darling story as well as having the chance to meet volunteers from our local lifeboat station. We will design and make lifejackets and learn about the geography of the UK coast.

Term 2: Let's Dig!



Throughout Term 2 we will take on the role of architects and go on a voyage of discovery back over 3000 years to the Bronze Age. We will investigate different artefacts to discover what life was like for us back then.

We will also write and share our own mystery stories, explore the rocks that form the landscape of our local environment and make our own cave art.



Year 3 Learning Themes

English: All About Me!

The main focus for English this term will be autobiographies and biographies, where the children will write about themselves and then the life story of Grace Darling. Throughout this writing, our grammar focus will revise and consolidate learning from Year 2, including what makes a good sentence; nouns (including common and proper); verbs and their tenses; adjectives; and adverbs. There will be time to enjoy fun texts linked to our theme too, such as 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle.



Mathematics: Number and Place Value

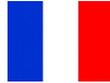
This term, we will be focusing on developing our understanding of place value when looking at 3 digit numbers and looking at the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), progressing towards use of the formal written methods. We will also use our knowledge to help us solve problems and develop our reasoning skills.



Science: During Term 1, we will learn about light and dark; the children will be exploring how light is reflected as well as how shadows are formed and the different patterns that they make.

In Term 2, we will be linking Science learning to our 'Let's Dig' unit, where we will be studying different types of rock formations including fossilisation.

French: Our weekly French lessons will introduce the French vocabulary for numbers, colours, directions and parts of the body.



Physical, Health, Social and Emotional (PHSE):

At the start of Year 3, we will allow time for children to reflect on what makes a good friend, as well as their personal goals for the year ahead. We will spend plenty of time getting to know each other and reflecting on what makes a happy class.

Art: We will be focusing on colour and brush technique during Terms 1 & 2. In Term 1, the children will be looking closely at sea landscapes and using them as inspiration to create a colour journey painting.



Geography: We will be learning about the countries and capitals of the United Kingdom. In addition, we will describe the land use of a settlement and make a map to show the main features.



Physical Education (PE):



In Term 1, we will focus on Gymnastics and Dance linked to 'Survival at Sea' unit. In Term 2, we will learn the skills needed for Hockey. Remember that children should not be wearing earrings on PE days, please, which will be Tuesdays and Fridays. Swimming will take place in Terms 4, 5 and 6.

Homework and Supporting your Child at Home



English/Cross-curricular: Children will be given a homework wheel at the start of each new term that links to the current learning theme. There will be 8 activities linking to a different area of the curriculum. Homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and should be handed in on the following **Monday**.

Reading: Children should log their home reading in their reading records, accompanied by a parent/carer signature. This should be handed in every day so the class teacher can review and monitor the child's progress.

Spellings: Children will continue to progress through the Rainbow Spelling scheme at their own pace. They will be given the opportunity to change their spelling card twice a week and will be tested on their spellings when they complete each set of that particular colour.

Maths: Children should be learning their target times table every day for ten minutes in order to try and achieve their coloured band as part of Kung Fu Maths. Also, My Maths homework will be set weekly online, providing the children with extra practice of what we have been learning in class.

You can help your child develop their learning skills and independence by guiding them into a routine for doing homework and being organised for school. Encourage them to learn spellings, times tables and to read a variety of texts, sometimes to you, little and often.

