

Who's Who in Year 3?



Mrs Willis	Renoir Class Teacher
Mr Hampshire	Rousseau Class Teacher
Mrs Crocombe	Riley Class Teacher (Mon-Wed)
Mrs Hollingsworth	Riley Class Teacher (Thurs-Fri)

Year 3 Support Staff:

Miss Masters, Mrs Luckhurst and Mrs Bottle



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 area of learning.

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 the most important aspect of our local community. We are lucky to live so close to the sea but it is important to be aware of the dangers it can pose and should be aware of what help is on hand if we ever get into trouble.



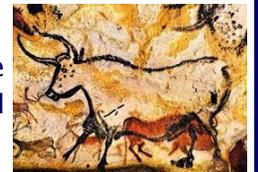
We will learn about the history of the RNLI and the Grace Darling story. As part of our topic, Year 3 hope to visit the local station this term. A separate letter about our morning at the RNLI will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Term 2: Let's Dig!



Throughout Term 2, we will take on the role of archaeologists and go on a voyage of discovery back to the Stone Age. We will investigate different artefacts to discover what life was like for us back then.

We will also write and share our own 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. 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 the following: what makes a good sentence; nouns (including common and proper); verbs and their tense; and 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, the focus will be on developing our understanding of place value when looking at three-digit numbers. We will also be looking at the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), progressing to using the formal written methods. We will also spend time every lesson developing our reasoning and problem solving skills and will work on our times tables knowledge through our weekly 'Kung-Fu' times tables tests.

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 to our 'Let's Dig' unit where we will be studying different types of rock formations, including fossilisation.



French:



In Terms 1 and 2 we will introduce the French vocabulary for numbers, colours, directions and parts of the body. We plan to organise an exciting French afternoon which will provide pupils with the opportunity to practise their new vocabulary!

Physical, Health, Social and Emotional aspects of learning:

At the start of Year 3, we will allow time for the 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 within Art. In Term 1, the children will be looking closely at sea landscapes and using them as inspiration to create a colour journey painting. Our trip to the RNLI will provide children with the opportunity to view the landscape and sea first-hand as we will spend time at the harbour and beach during the morning. We will also be sketching our own portraits of Grace Darling.

Geography:

In Term, 1 we will begin developing our locational knowledge, both in the UK and further afield, learning some European countries and their capital cities. We will even be able to use a map to tell you which hemisphere they are in!



Homework and supporting your child at home:

A letter explaining the new homework system will be sent out shortly.

Important Reminders:

- 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 remember that children should not wear earrings on PE days, which for Term 1 will be on Wednesday for Renoir and Friday for Riley and Rousseau. Please ensure long hair is tied up every day.

