

Welcome back to Year 3!

Summer 1

Hope you had a lovely Easter break!



This term our whole school topic is 'On A Mission', which will underpin all of our learning in the Summer Term

In Geography children will be learning about rivers and mountains. We will be finding out about the journey a river takes from source to mouth, researching rivers of the world and presenting our findings using the app - 'Lino it'. We will also be learning about how mountains are formed and exploring famous mountains and volcanoes of the world.



Our key text for English is a beautiful book called 'A River' by Marc Martin. Children will spend quality time reading and responding to this poetic book before using the fabulous illustrations to inspire their own creative narrative writing around an imaginary journey.

Also in English, children will read, explore and write an explanation text about rivers or mountains.



In Maths, we will start the term by recapping the four operations (+ - ÷ x). We will be encouraging children to use a number line or the column method to solve addition and subtraction calculations. For multiplication children should partition the numbers, times and then add together to find the answer. E.g. $16 \times 4 =$

$$10 \times 4 = 40$$

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

$$40 + 24 = 64$$

For division we will be focussing on dividing by 3s, 4s and 8s using a bar model to help children to visualise the groups.

After this we will be working on fractions. The children will learn that a fraction is a part of a whole and will learn to take fractions from a number line, linking to our prior learning.



In PSHE we will be thinking about families and friendships - how they can help and support us, how families and friendships can differ and how to cope with any difficulties we may have with these relationships.



Computing will again be integrated into other aspects of learning with a specific focus on using technology for communication and collaboration. We will be using an app called 'Lino-it' to share our learning with other children in class. We will also look at how Twitter is used to share information - look out for our Year 3 tweets @godleyprimary. Children will continue to follow the SMART rules to keep themselves safe online.

PE will continue to take place every Tuesday with Miss Gray and Wednesday with Mr Hewitt. Children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather is getting warmer please ensure children have suitable clothing and sun cream where necessary.



HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to go out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday so we have time to go through the tasks in class together.

Each week children will have a short Maths and English skills burst activity and spellings to practice. Please ensure children write out their spellings 3 times and then write them into a sentence. Children who do not score well will be asked to do further practice and will be tested again.

At different points in the term children will be set project work linked to the theme where the return dates will be specified.

We really look forward to seeing more fabulous homework pieces this term!

Children should read their reading books every night and your comments in planners are really useful. Please question children about what they have read to ensure they have a good understanding of the text. We will send home some example questions that we use in school to support your questioning.

If children read other books at home which they enjoy, please encourage them to write a book review to bring into class so

Key dates:

- ◆ Thursday 2nd May - Polling Day (children not in school)
- ◆ Friday 3rd May - Year 3 Golden Assembly
- ◆ Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (children not in school)
- ◆ Thursday 23rd May - Polling Day (children not in school)

