

## Welcome back to Year 3!

Spring is here and we are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our Take One Artist theme, focusing on the artist Matisse.

Please find detailed below some key information for this term:

### Homework

Year 3 homework is reading, spellings and times tables. It is set on a weekly basis, with the homework being handed out on Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Children are tested on their spellings on Thursday.

### PE

We take part in PE twice a week. Please have PE kit in school on a **Monday**. This should consist of shorts and t-shirt. Preferable footwear for outdoor PE is trainers. For indoor PE, children can go bare foot or wear plimsolls or non-marking trainers. In the colder weather, children are advised to wear jogging bottoms and a jumper.

### School website

Please use our school website [www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk) for regular updates and copies of letters sent home as well as additional home-work opportunities eg Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Eggs.

### Remember

If you are not able to be in school and are not unwell, you should be accessing the online learning, which you can find on the Year 3 Home Learning page on the school website. Any problems, please contact the school office.

If you have any questions or queries please speak to your child's class teacher or to another member of the Year 3 team.

*Thank you!*

Year 3 Teachers

# CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS YEAR 3

### Spring Term 1 2025



*Take One Artist  
Cat with Red Fish  
By Henri Matisse*

### **ENGLISH**

We will focus on the wonderful story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will explore how the author creates an atmosphere in his writing and will plan and write our own opening to a sequel to the story. We will explore using the present perfect tense and subordinate conjunctions. In reading, we will continue to explore a variety of different books and we will be working on our comprehension and retrieval skills in Whole Class Reading sessions. We will look at various spelling rules and patterns including vowel sounds, prefixes and suffixes.

### **ART**

**Our Art project this term will be linked to our 'Take One Artist.'**

Children will use close looking and the "Show Me What You See" technique to explore artwork from the artist Matisse. Children will explore how they can use shape and colour to simplify elements, inspired by the cut-outs of Henri Matisse.

### **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

We will be exploring food in French and learning how to speak about our friends and family.

### **COMPUTING**

This term our computing topic will be exploring the concept of sequencing sounds through programming in Scratch. The final project will be to make a representation of a piano.

### **MATHS**

In Maths we will work on our skills in:

- Multiplication & Division
- Money
- Fractions

We will be working on consolidating the 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as the matching division facts.

## **Year 3 Spring Term 1 2025**

**THEME: 'TAKE ONE ARTIST'**  
**Artist Focus— Matisse**

### **PSHE**

This term's theme is 'Looking Forward'. We will be looking at target setting and the importance of team building. We will work on developing interpersonal skills.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is reading, spellings and times tables. It is set on a weekly basis and the children are tested on a Thursday.

### **ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

An art workshop linked to our 'Take One Artist' will be held this term—more details will follow.

### **P.E.**

Each week we have an indoor and outdoor PE session. In indoor PE we will be working on our gymnastics skills, using apparatus. In outdoor PE we will be focusing on basketball skills.

### **GEOGRAPHY**

In Geography, we will be exploring coasts, looking at the key coastal features. We will learn how they are formed as well as the effect of erosion on our coastlines.

### **RE**

Our RE this term is exploring Hinduism and why they want to collect good Karma. We will explore Hindu beliefs about life and death and explore selfless acts of kindness.

### **MUSIC**

In music we will be listening to Cuban music. We will explore the rhythms by learning some salsa steps as well as learning to play chords on the ukulele to accompany the songs.

### **SCIENCE**

This term, we will look at Animals including Humans. We will be exploring the human skeleton and muscles, looking at the functions of each. We will also be finding out about healthy diets and sorting foods into the different food groups. We will then plan our own healthy meals.