

Welcome to Year 3!

Autumn is here and we are thrilled to have classes back in school! We are looking forward to an exciting term with our new Year 3s, exploring our whole school theme 'Take One World' and helping them to settle into the junior school.

Please find detailed below some key information:

Homework

Year 3 homework is reading, spellings and times tables. It is set on a weekly basis, with the homework being handed out on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday. Children are tested on their spellings and times tables at the end of each week.

PE

We take part in PE twice a week.

Please have PE kit in school on a **Monday**. This should consist of shorts, a t-shirt and trainers. In the colder weather, children are advised to wear jogging bottoms and a jumper. Please note that if your child wears earrings to school on P.E. days, they will need to be removed or covered by tape.

School website

Please use our school website www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk for regular updates and copies of letters sent home, as well as additional homework opportunities. As well as Times Tables Rockstars, the children can practise their reading comprehension skills with Reading Eggs. Your child will shortly be given their passwords to access these sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries about your child's work or any other queries.

*Many thanks,
Year 3 Team*

Miss C. Hayday— Shark Class & Lower Phase leader
Mrs K. Longbourne—Polar Bear Class
Mrs Peill —Panda Class

CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL **CURRICULUM INFORMATION** **FOR PARENTS**

Year 3
Autumn Term 1
2024

'TAKE ONE WORLD'



ENGLISH

We will begin the year by focussing on core writing skills. We will focus on identifying nouns, verbs and adjectives before looking at sentence structure to ensure we write our sentences correctly.

We will then be exploring the picture book 'Leon and the Place Between'. We will write diaries, letters and plan our own story set in a magical place. We will recap capital letters, noun phrases and commas in a list before editing our own writing to ensure our writing makes sense.

In reading we will focus on our comprehension skills, retrieving information from the text and discussing our thoughts and opinions as a class.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we will be learning about rocks and soils.

We will learn the names of some common rock types and explore their properties. We will plan and carry out investigations into the hardness of rocks and their permeability. Then we will look at how different rocks are used. After that, we will move on to look at how soil is formed and explore fossils.

COMPUTING

We develop our understanding of digital devices, with a focus on inputs, processes and outputs. We will compare digital and non-digital devices, before exploring computer networks. We will then design and make our own "stop-frame" animations.

MUSIC

In music lessons, we will be learning the song 'I've been to Harlem'. We will learn about pentatonic scales and compose our own music using pentatonic scales that we will perform to the class.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics this term will focus on number and place value where we will be working with numbers up to 1000. We will look at how to read and write numbers in numerals and words as well as how to represent them in pictures and in different ways.

We will then move on to addition and subtraction. We will be focussing on our mental arithmetic skills before looking at formal written methods.

We will also focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

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THEME: Take One World 'TAKE ONE WORLD'

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about successful teamwork skills, being considerate of others in the team and how to positively resolve any conflicts that occur. We will also learn about our individual responsibilities towards teams they work in and how new starts, such as starting a new school year, may feel and how they can support each other in this.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

This term we will be focusing on settling into the junior school, into our new classes and developing friendships through creative activities.

P.E.

Our PE lessons this term will be Tag Rugby (outside) and Gymnastics (inside). We will explore the key skills in each sport, developing our accuracy and understanding of each discipline. We will then take part in class competitions.

GEOGRAPHY

Our focus in Geography will be on identifying the 4 countries of the UK. We will explore map symbols and then look at following maps and the drawing our own maps,

RE

In RE we will explore the concept of reconciliation, reading and analysing Bible stories to learn about this Christian concept. Children will learn how God wants us to be peacemakers

FRENCH

We will learn how to say greetings, names and numbers and sing songs in French with actions.

ART

In Art, we will focus on our drawing and sketching skills. We will explore the work of Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas to see how they use charcoal and other mediums before using charcoal to draw expressively and create drama in our art work using light and the properties of charcoal.

HOMEWORK

Homework is sent home on a Friday. The children will be given a list of spelling words to learn and they are expected to choose and complete three activities from the list at the front of their homework book each week. They will also have times tables to learn.