

## English

In English this half term the children will be learning about narrative writing and writing a balanced argument. The story they are focusing on is 'A Tale of Two Robots' by Roy Apps. They will be looking at the plot. The children will be extending their sentences with conjunctions. We will have a high expectation of presentation and handwriting.

We will be using Class Dojo to inform parents and carers of the weekly spelling lists. Children will bring their spelling books home on Friday for their adults to sign so the children can share their spelling score.

Please continue to read each night with your child. We aim to change the book at least once a week. Let us know if you need a new one. All of our reading books are on Bug Club. A weekly comprehension activity will be sent home. This helps the children 'prove' they have understood what they have read.

In grammar, the children will be learning about personal pronouns eg he, she, I, they, we etc. They will also work on noun phrases eg the blue book.

For more ideas have a look at the Oak Academy Y3 Grammar  
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-3/subjects/english-grammar>

## Maths:

In maths the children will be learning their 4 and 8 times tables. They will be using their multiplication knowledge to multiply 2 digits by 1 digit. They will move on to divide numbers by 2, 5 and 10. Then using the short division method to divide 2 digits by 1 digit. (This is sometimes known as the bus stop method).

The students will then move on to the topic of money. They will add and subtract money in pounds and pence. They will also convert from pounds to pence and vice versa. It will be really helpful to practise at home and in shops using real money.

The final topic of this half term is an introduction to statistics in Year 3. They will look at tallying amounts, interpreting pictograms and answering questions about bar charts and tables.

In order to make good progress in maths, the children need to be fluent in adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. They should be using number bonds to help with mental arithmetic. They should be able to explain what each digit in a number means e.g. this number had 4 tens, this digit is in the hundreds column.

Please practise arithmetic at home with your child – it will really help them in maths.

Encourage them to use Times Table Rockstars and My Maths each week.

# Year 3: Spring 1: Our European Neighbours

## The Wider Curriculum

In Science, the children will be learning about our amazing bodies. They will investigate how the food that we eat provides our bodies with the nutrition it needs. The children will also learn about skeletons and how humans and some animals have them. They will look at the role of muscles in the human body in how they support, protect and provide movement for us.

In the 'our changing world' part of the science curriculum, the children will continue to observe how plants change throughout the year.

In ICT the children will translate a storyboard and code it using the program Scratch. There are lots of great YouTube videos on Scratch. Have a look- it's a free program and the children love it!

In Art, the children will be studying the artist Georgia O' Keefe. They will focus on her technique and style. The children will experiment with mixing colours and using colour pallets. They will be exploring tones and tints to create their own O'Keefe inspired art work in a range of mediums. Have a look at her work online before we start the unit.

Finally, in Geography we will be focussing on Europe. We will look at the size, population, find out about the largest and smallest countries. Prepare for your children to become experts on Europe!

## Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

## P.E. Timetable:

**Class 3A:** PE Tuesday and Friday

**Class 3B:** PE Monday and Thursday

**Class 3C:** PE Monday and Thursday

**PLEASE REMOVE EARRINGS ON PE DAYS!**

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

## Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform. All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please provide your child with a named water bottle.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment via [year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk](mailto:year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk)

**HAVE YOU SET UP CLASS DOJO AND THE MY SCHOOL APP?**