

Year 3: Autumn 1: Brilliant Becontree

English

In English the children will be following the Talk for Writing method of learning. A key feature of Talk for Writing is that children learn the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading. 'Talking the text' is where the children orally rehearse the story over and over again and add actions so that they know the story by heart. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully. The first story we will be learning is 'The Heron, The Cat and The Bramble'. We will learn the story through story mapping, drawing story maps and drama. Then we will change parts of the story, before we create our own version of the story.

Weekly grammar lessons will build on the children's prior knowledge of sentence structure. A big focus on using the correct punctuation and making sure their work makes sense will ensure the children become confident writers. They will learn about different ways to start sentences and how these can be used for effect in their own writing. They will also be learning how to use a wider range of conjunctions effectively. They will work on using headings and sub-headings to organise their ideas.

Spellings will focus on suffixes (y and ly) and silent letters. Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern, which they are then expected to transfer to their independent writing and learn for a weekly test.

Maths:

The children will be revisiting place value and looking at the number system. They will be learning the value of each digit in a three digit number e.g. what the hundreds, tens and ones are in 265. They will be reading and writing numbers up to 1000. It is important that the children master counting in 4, 8, 50 and 100. Children should practise working out numbers which are 100 more and 100 less.

With addition and subtraction, the children will be investigating calculations using a range of equipment before moving on to the abstract written column calculation. Children can practise adding and subtracting three digit numbers at home.

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and the corresponding division facts. The children can monitor their own progress by accessing the 'heat maps' in the statistics part of Times Table Rockstars. The times tables that the children need to know, by the end of year 3, are: 2s, 4s, 8s (and the relationship between them), 3s, 5s and 10s.

Every afternoon, the children will be able to develop their arithmetic skills through a daily maths activity that will re-inforce the week's teaching.

The Wider Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Brilliant Becontree', which is great opportunity to study the local area. The children will also learn to name and locate the county of Essex. They will be able to name identify and explain the human physical features of Becontree e.g. the rivers, population and land use.

- As part of the **Art** programme this term, the children will be studying the sculpture of Andy Goldsworthy. The children will have fun with 3D stone sculpture and name them to represent the mood and intent.
- In **Science**, children will identify and name rocks, know their properties and sort them using a key. They will also start the year round observation of plants.
- During **RE**, pupils will explore the power of sayings and their meanings. They will learn about the stories of Jesus and Buddha in how they challenged people in the past and still today.
- In **PE** lessons children will explore rugby and gymnastic.
- In **ICT** we will be developing an understanding of how electronic surveys work. The children will collect and interpret data.
- In **Spanish**, the children will be learning about colours, numbers and days of the week.

Homework:

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 Wednesday

Class 3B: PE Monday and Thursday

Class 3C: PE Monday and Thursday

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 Class Dojo.

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