

St. Lawrence School Curriculum Letter- Year 3

Summer Term 2019

I hope you've had a wonderful Easter break. This term will be jam-packed with exciting learning and experiences, as well as our day trip to Sark at the beginning of July. I'm looking forward to supporting your child in achieving their potential and getting them ready for Year 4! Outlined below shows the areas that we will be studying in Year 3 this term:

Reading:

Children will continue to work in groups according to their ability. Block assessments in reading will be carried out on a termly basis, and children will move groups if necessary, with parents being notified prior to change. This term will continue to focus on their comprehension skills and writing deconstruction. The texts we will be reading are the *Monkey & the Panda*, and *The Most Magnificent Mosque*. This term's poem the class we will be learning is called 'Gran can you Rap' which I'll send out in a few weeks to learn.

During these sessions the children will be given their weekly spellings which are to be handed in on a Monday. Children are expected to read at least 5 times per week for approximately 10/15 minutes. Please continue to spend quality time reading with them, discussing the book they are reading and asking your child questions about what they have read - it really does make a difference.

Writing:

Writing comes into the majority of lessons and children will be set specific targets to move their learning on.

During the first half term, the class will be reading and writing Non-fiction, learning about teeth and creating an information poster. The children will also, read a Fictional text called 'The Monkey and the Panda'. From the book the children will create a poem and will use their senses and experiment with vocabulary and adding in similes when possible. For the second half of the term we will be looking at Figurative writing with an emphasis on RE, as well as writing a narrative based upon friendships.

Throughout our writing sessions the children will continue to use various forms of punctuation, focusing on using exciting vocabulary, looking at different types of grammar, and ensuring that a piece of work flows. We will also be looking at different sentence starters, and the children will be encouraged to use these throughout their work.

Maths

Please see the letter from your child's Maths teacher to follow.

Science

In science this term we will be studying 'Plants.' This will involve investigational work and the children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills. The children will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants; explore the life and growth of plants; investigate the way the water is transported within plants and learning about pollination and seed dispersal. For the second half term we will be learning all about Rocks and fossils which will be linked in with our class visit to Sark.

Topic/ICT

We continue to discover more fascinating facts about the Vikings, and we will be linking in our ICT work and presenting our findings through a power point presentation, which they will present to the rest of the class. The children will continue to work on their touch typing skills and learn about sending emails. Please do encourage Topic homework, it is optional this half term, but it's always good to see what ideas/work they produce. During the second half term we will be studying a topic called 'Tremors' a Geography based Topic, which promises to be an interesting one... We have an exciting trip to Sark planned on the 3rd July. If you haven't already, please can you confirm your child's attendance.

Art

Much of our art work this half term will be linked to our exciting topic 'The Vikings.' During this topic the children will be looking at making different types of collages and designing their own Viking longships!

RE

For the Summer term, the children will continue to learn about Christians and to understand why the Bible is important. We will also look at Islamic beliefs and their rites of passage.

P.E.

Our P.E sessions this term will revert back to every **Thursday** and **Friday**. Now it is the summer term, both sessions will be outdoors (weather permitting of course!) **Monday** will be Tennis, and we have secured the help of a professional tennis coach, Adam. On **Thursday's** we will be on the playing field learning to play Rounders. During the second half of the term we will be doing Athletics and Cricket. Please can you ensure that your child comes into school on those days wearing the correct school P.E. kit and suitable trainers. Hair needs to be tied back for safety reasons and jewellery removed.

Please feel free to come and see me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. We are a partnership and by working closely together we can ensure that your child will be receiving the best possible support to move their learning forward.

I look forward to working alongside your child this final term. If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at c.fancourt@stlawrence.sch.je

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fancourt