

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 3

Autumn Term 2016

Year Group News

Welcome to Emmbrook Junior School and Year 3! The summer holidays are now just a happy memory but we're glad to be back at school and keen to start getting into a good daily routine. It's been a great start to see so many cheerful, smart children in the correct uniform – let's keep it up!

We are fresh and ready for an action packed Autumn term, with our topic called 'WE WILL ROCK YOU!' During this term we will be learning all about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will delve into volcanoes and examine rocks, looking at fossils along the way. We will also attempt to make a reproduction of Stonehenge; so get your empty boxes and cereal packets ready!

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask, we're always happy to help. We always welcome the involvement of the whole school community too, so if you have an interest or expertise, or even some exciting artefacts or photos linked to our topics to share, please speak with your child's teacher.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead for 3 Larch and 3 Ash!

Mr. Hewitt, Mrs. Crosby and the Year 3 team

Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to give support to your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the internet.



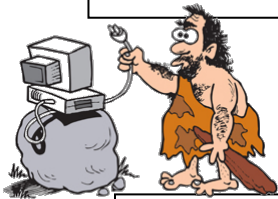
We Will Rock You!:

First Half Term



Maths

Place value
Measures
Addition
Geometry



History

Stone Age to
the Iron Age



Geography

Physical
geography -
volcanoes



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Science

Rocks

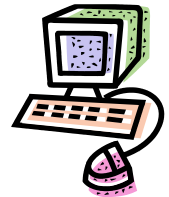


PE

Gymnastics
Circuits
Football

Computing

E-safety
Digital literacy



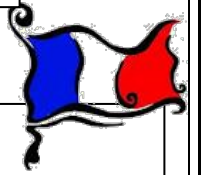
Music

Environment :
adding musical
accompaniments
to songs



English

Adventure and
mystery stories



French

Greetings

We Will Rock You!:

Second Half Term



English

Instructions
Limericks, rhymes,
riddles &
performance



Maths

Subtraction
Fractions
Statistics
Problem solving



French

Culture and
Traditions

Science

Forces and
magnets



Design and Technology

Cooking

PE

Gymnastics Tag
rugby
Netball



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Advent
and the
Nativity



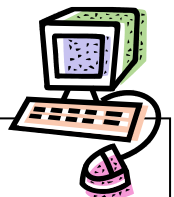
Music

Sounds
Food and
drink:
rhythm
chants and
rounds



Art

Cave painting



ICT

Digital
exploration

Additional information about home learning this term can be found in the head teacher's welcome letter.

Reminders

SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place on four days a week for 30 minutes in the afternoons. All children will bring home spellings on a weekly basis unless the school has informed parents otherwise. Year 3 will bring spellings home on a Friday. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

READING



- It is really important that children read at home to an adult at least five times a week to ensure they make good progress and earn their Reading Reward time. Each child will have 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme (colours, independent reader or general fiction) and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. Children will have the opportunity to change their Emmbrook Scheme book on a daily basis. The Oxford Reading Tree Scheme books for Year 3 will be changed on

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Please sign your child's Reading Record to show that they have read to an adult. Books will only be changed if 'finished' is written by the last entry for the book.

KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued on Friday for testing the following Thursday.

HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Appointment made by contacting the school office.
- Comment in reading record
- Comment in homework planner (year 6)
- Comment on parent feedback sheet in homework book
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school learning platform)

Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.

LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 3 PE slots are on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term

September

- 20th - Photographs
- w/c 26th - Clubs Start
- 30th - Year 6 Sharing Assembly re Manor 9:00am

October

- w/c 3rd - Book Week
- 3rd - Dress as a book character
- 3rd - Curriculum Evening 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 7th - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 14th - 5 Cedar Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 20th - Harvest Assembly (children only) 9:00am
- 21st - Inset Day (children not in school)
- w/c 24th - HALF TERM

November

- 11th - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 18th - 5 Elm Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 18th - Children In Need
- w/c 28th - Clubs Finish
- 30th - Year 3 Evening Sharing Assembly 6:00pm

December

- 1st - Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9:30am – 10:30am
- 5th - Year 3 to see Infant Production
- 6th - Parents Evening 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 7th - Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 8th - Year 4 Xmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Years 3, 5 & 6 at 2:00pm
- 9th - Year 4 Xmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Infant School at 2:00pm
- 9th - PTA Xmas Fair
- 12th - Year 4 Xmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 13th - Year 4 Xmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 14th - Xmas Lunch
- 20th - Last Day of Term, School Finishes at 2:00pm

