

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 3

Spring Term 2017

Year Group News

Welcome to Year 3!

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday. We'd like to thank you for your generous presents and cards – these were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

We are hoping for sunny weather this term as we dive into our new topic, "Into The Light"! We will be studying light and how it helps us to see in our science lessons, travelling back in time to learn about the Vikings in history, and creating something exciting with a needle and thread in our art and DT lessons. It will be a busy term but hopefully a very enjoyable and productive one!

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.

Here's 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.



First Half Term Into The Light



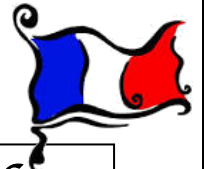
Maths

Place value
Time
Multiplication
Angles



English

Viking Kennings and
historical stories



French

Counting
Colours



Science

Light



History

The Vikings



PE

Dance
Basketball



Geography

Types of
settlement &
land use

Computing

Programming
& coding

RE

Miracles in
Christianity



PSHE

Living in the
wider world

Music

Buildings in
the past

Second Half Term Into The Light



English
Non-chronological
reports
Letter writing

Maths
Division
Fractions
Mass & volume
Problem solving



French
Animals
Letter
pronunciation



Science
Light

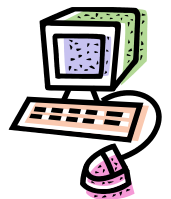


Design and
Technology
Textiles

PE
Dance
Hockey
Golf



Music
Chinese
music
Singing in
French



Art
Painting in the style
of Van Gogh

PSHE
Health and
well-being

ICT
Multimedia

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 and 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 for testing the following week.

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 website)

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 Spring Term

January

- w/c 9th - Clubs Start
- 19th - Caterlink Tasting Session for Parents 3:00pm
- 20th - Year 5 Joint Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 23rd - Meet the Teacher 4 Maple/Year 6 SATs Evening
- 27th - 6 Beech Sharing Assembly 9:00am

February

- 3rd - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - Grandparents Day (morning)
- 10th - PTA Junior Disco
- w/c 13th - HALF TERM
- 24th - 6 Fir Sharing Assembly

March

- 2nd - World Book Day – child to dress as a book character
- 3rd - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 16th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal Years 3, 4 & 6 2:00pm
- 17th - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 17th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal to Infant School 2:00pm
- 17th - PTA Quiz Night
- 20th - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 21st - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 24th - Red Nose Day
- w/c 27th - Clubs Finish
- 28th - Parents Evening: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 29th - Parents Evening: 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 31st - Last Day of Term: school finishes at 2:00pm

April

- 3rd – 17th - Easter Break
- 18th - First Day of Summer Term

