

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 3

Autumn Term 2017

Year Group News

Welcome to Year 3

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! We already have an exciting trip planned to Reading Museum for a Stone Age experience. Look out for a letter in the near future.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask, we're always happy to help. We warmly 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!

Mrs Crosby, Mrs Hart 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

We Will Rock You!



Maths

Place Value
Addition
Subtraction

Art

Stone Age
cave
paintings

English

Creative writing -
adventure stories
with a Stone Age
theme!

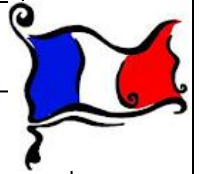


Science

Rocks, soils and fossils

French

Greetings



History

Stone Age and Bronze Age -
houses, farming, hunting and
gathering

Geography

Extreme Earth - The earth
beneath our feet, volcanoes
and earthquakes.



PE

Circuits
Gymnastics
Football



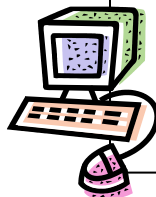
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Computing

E-Safety



PSHE/ Circle

Time

Relationships:
Communication and
Collaboration



Music

Environment:
adding musical
accompaniments to
songs



Second Half Term

We Will Rock You!



English

Stone Age instructions
and
Non-Chronological
Reports
Christmas Poetry

PE

Gymnastics
Tag Rugby
Netball

Maths

Multiplication
Division



Science

Forces and
Magnets



PSHE/ Circle

Time

Relationships:
Collaboration and
Bullying



Design and Technology

Stonehenge
Iron Age artefacts

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Advent and
The Nativity



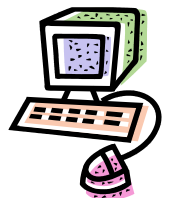
History

The Bronze and Iron Ages,
including Stonehenge and
developing culture in the
British Isles



Computing

Digital Exploration



French

Culture and Traditions



Music

Sounds
Food and drink:
rhythm chants and
rounds



Reminders

SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place once per week for an hour. Children are encouraged to write any spellings they are unsure of into their red spelling book for practice and improvement. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. There will no longer be a spelling test each week; spellings will be monitored in all lessons. You will receive a list of words which you can encourage your child to learn.

READING



- Reading is such an important part of a child's life. It is essential that children read at home regularly (either with or without an adult). Each child, therefore, is asked to read for a **minimum of 10 minutes per day**. This can be a book (or alternative text such as magazine or newspaper) of their choice or the texts which are brought home from school (or both!). Each child will have at least 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme.
- We would like to encourage you to read with your child and discuss the text that they are reading. We will provide questions and prompts to aid this.
- Either you or your child can add information to the Reading Record (details of each reading session per day). However, please sign your child's Reading Record **at least once per week** to confirm what they are reading and how often. You can also write questions and comments which the teacher will respond to in due course.

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 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 **Wednesday** afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

SUNNY WEATHER



- In sunny weather, children are permitted to bring a suitable hat to wear when they are outside.
- Due to health and safety reasons, sunscreen should not be brought into school. There are many all-day sunscreens available which we would advise you to apply to your child before they come to school.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term

September

- w/c 11th - Year 6 Go to Manor
- 13th - PTA Meeting at Junior School 7:30pm
- 18th - Club letters sent to parents
- 19th - Photographs
- 20th - Curriculum Information Evening
- w/c 25th - Clubs Start
- 29th - Year 6 Sharing Assembly re Manor 9:00am

October

- 6th - 5 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 13th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 13th - PTA Junior School Disco
- w/c 16th - Maths Week
- 19th - Harvest Assembly (children only) 9:00am
- 20th - Inset Day (children not in school)
- w/c 23rd - HALF TERM
- 30th - Children return from HALF TERM

November

- 10th - 5 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- w/c 13th - Parliament Week
- 17th - Children in Need
- 24th - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- w/c 27th - Clubs Finish
- 30th - Open Morning for prospective parents whose children join in September 2018 - 9:15-10:15am
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December

- 5th - Parents Evening 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 6th - Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 7th - Year 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Years 3, 5 & 6 at 2:00pm
- 8th - Year 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Infant School at 2.00pm
- 8th - PTA Christmas Fair
- 11th - Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 12th - Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 13th - Christmas Lunch
- 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th - Last Day of Term, School Finishes at 2:00pm

