

# CURRICULUM NOTES - 2020 / 2021 YEAR 3

We hope that you will find this guide informative and useful. Should you require any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact <u>Mrs Begg</u>, <u>Mrs Symons</u>. Please note that this is a working document, and this year particularly may be subject to changes.

#### Homework

Children are expected to learn and practise their times tables and their related division facts so they can answer confidently and automatically the questions asked. We expect children to read each night with an adult, please record pages read and sign in their reading diary. High frequency words for spelling can be found at the back of this document. Any homework given to your children will be noted in their school diary. We also have a Maths homework book which will be sent home to support what is being taught in class, pages will be set by the teacher.

# Field Trips

During the year we hope take the children on field trips in order to enhance and extend the curriculum. These will normally take place during regular school hours and the dates can be found in the school calendar.

### Curriculum

It is a big step from Pre-Prep or First School to Year 3. The children are faced with new routines and the expectation continues to grow. They will be carefully guided during this transition and we ask parents to help us develop their child's independence. Academically, we will be building on their foundation skills and concepts, whilst introducing new ones in accordance with the new National Curriculum requirements for Key Stage 2.

As the year progresses, the children should be aiming to improve the presentation of their work, through the development of neat, fluid and joined handwriting. They will also be able to concentrate for longer and begin to work more independently.

Year 3 aims to nurture and guide the children into the Prep system, celebrating their achievements and encouraging them to work through challenges. Our main objective is that every child feels happy and safe in their school environment so that they are able to flourish.

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Science	Teeth and Healthy Eating Light and Shadow	Magnets and Springs Materials	Plants Rocks and Soils
History	Celts	Romans	Greeks
Geography	Maps and Plans	Weather	North America
RS	Christianity (the Bible)	The life and teaching of Jesus	Sikh religion

### Timetable

Teachers may rearrange lessons as the curriculum or circumstances require. The children have a copy of their timetable in their school diary.

# Sports

It is also important to stress that we encourage the children to play sport for enjoyment whilst performing to the best of their abilities. We should be mindful that they are not professionals but children embarking on a sporting journey. They need encouragement and support from the touchline. If parental viewing is permitted, please help us to create an environment that will allow them to flourish and enjoy sport.

If the current COVID restrictions are relaxed, and sports fixtures against other schools is deemed to be safe, children will be selected for teams based on the ability and behaviour demonstrated in school Games lessons.

# Reporting to Parents

**Autumn Term** – there will be Parent Interviews, and you will receive two sets of assessment grades which details your child's progress.

**Spring Term** – you will receive one set of assessment grades at end of term and there will be Parent Interviews.

Summer Term – you will receive one set of exam results and a full End of Term Report on all subjects.

We are always happy to see you regarding any worries or concerns. We prefer to feel that we are all working together and if queries are dealt with at an early stage then any issues can be kept to a minimum and both you and your children can look forward to a happy and productive year.

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