



Wingate School Tenerife

Junior Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Autumn Term 2021

A Message from Mrs Estevez:

Welcome to the new school year. Here is our new newsletter to provide you with some information regarding the Year 3 curriculum this term. It provides detailed information on what the children will be learning across the key core subjects.

For further information, there is also an overview on the website for all subjects.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best wishes,
Mrs L Estevez

General Information:

- PE: Tuesdays
- Afternoon activities: Fridays. (This may require PE kit to be worn and will be communicated to you via email in the weekly Junior newsletter).

Other information:

The children will experience a weekly PSHE lesson. This term pupils' will develop their understanding of:

- New beginnings
- Getting on and Falling out

Maths

To start the term we will be focusing on **Place Value** in Maths. The children will become more familiar with reading and writing numbers up to 1000. We will then move onto **Addition and Subtraction**. Here we will focus on adding and subtracting numbers mentally as well as developing the columnar method. To finish the term, the children will be looking at **Multiplication and division**. Our focus will be x2, x3, x4, x5 and x8 facts. There will be a focus on using these table facts in order to multiply and divide mentally whilst discovering how to write multiplication and division number equations.

English

As writers we will be exploring **Stories in a familiar setting**. We will start the term by developing our basic punctuation, including present and past verb tenses and coordinating conjunctions, and using paragraphs in our writing. We will then move onto **List Poetry** to tie in with Halloween! Your child will then be submerged in a depth of skills to create a **Non-chronological Report on a mythical creature**. Weekly SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons will allow focused time on improving these skill sets. Whole Class Guided Reading sessions and Comprehension lessons will develop deduction and inference skills and encourage the children in providing reasoned justifications for their views and evidence from texts.

Topic

In Geography our focus will be map studies and using an atlas to identify continents and countries.
In History we will begin to study **The Stone Age**.



What can you do to help?

While we do not set official homework in Y3, we would like each child to read for 10 minutes each day. Children have been given books in class, but all reading, whatever the source is an invaluable learning experience. Text content should be discussed with an adult and recorded in their Reading Records.

Online Learning:

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, school may be instructed or make the decision to go to online learning at short notice. During this period Year 3 will continue to be taught the planned curriculum as far as is possible. We will publish online, a timetable that is clear for both our children and yourselves throughout any online learning period. Children will be expected to log onto a Google Meets forum to be registered each day at 9:00am. During their online lessons they should have their G-mail and Year 3 Google Classroom open at all times. Work will be set for them and we will be available to answer any questions / queries they may have, throughout the school day.

Science

Our first unit of study will be **Keeping Healthy and the Skeleton**. Children will learn to identify different food groups and investigate what constitutes a healthy meal. In addition, they will be able to identify invertebrates and vertebrates and begin to learn the names of different bones in the human skeleton.

After half term, we will then learn about **Light**. The children will have the opportunity to investigate what light is and how we see. They will work scientifically, carrying out experiments to investigate reflection and shadows

I hope this provides you with a better awareness of our curriculum this term. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of our curriculum, please do contact me. Wishing you all a safe and happy Autumn Term.

Mrs Estevez