

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YEAR 3 Spring Term I 2024



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and is refreshed ready for our next term. Our theme this term is focused around our geography: Why do people live near volcanoes?

Homework

Year 3 homework is reading, spellings and times tables. Children should read every day at home and record it in their green reading record. These should be in school every day. Children will be issued with a reading book from our reading scheme and a reading book of their choice from the school library. Other home books may also be read.

PE

We take part in PE twice a week.

Please have PE kit in school on a **Monday**. This should consist of black shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers. In the colder weather, children are advised to wear jogging bottoms and a jumper. Please note that if your child wears earrings to school on P.E. days, they will need to be removed or covered by tape.

School website

Please use our school website <https://www.kiwi.wilts.sch.uk/> for regular updates and copies of letters sent home. Your child has their log in for Times Table Rock Stars and should use this to support their maths learning.

Many thanks,
Year 3 Team

Mrs M Davies—Papamoa
Mrs M Jones—Timaru

English

In English, we will begin to develop our Talk for Writing skills across different genres. We will start the term by looking at story writing and focusing on the model text of Staying Out. During this sequence of writing, we will be concentrating on developing suspense in our writing, using adjectives, adverbs and adverbial phrases. We will continue daily reading or phonics sessions. Reading journals are expected in each day still so that we can monitor the reading.

Science

Our unit this term focuses on movement and nutrition. We will be explaining the role of the skeleton, naming key bones and understanding how muscles work. We will identify features of different groups of animals. Later on in the unit, we will identify the different nutrient groups and their simple functions and use this knowledge to describe a balanced diet. Throughout the unit we will work scientifically, carrying out investigations recording data.

Computing

In computing this term, we will further develop our understanding of computer hardware. We will learn what input and output devices are and how they are used to send and receive information. We will also begin to understand the different parts of a computer and how they work.

Art

In our art this term, we will be learning sketching skills. We will explore sketching techniques with sketching pencils and discover how we use sketching pencils to create tone and texture.

Maths

Our maths focus this term will be multiplication and division. We will begin by refreshing our knowledge of grouping and arrays. We will then start to link this knowledge to multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will then use this knowledge to begin to understand division by grouping and sharing. After we have secured these skills, we will further expand our times table knowledge by looking at multiplying and dividing by 3 then 4.

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Physical Education

Our indoor PE this term is fitness and each week the children will be completing various fitness stations working different areas of their body.

Our outdoor PE is Hockey and will be taught by Mr. Tyson from Southampton Outreach.

Enrichment Activities

This term in Thursday Club children will have the choice of construction with Mrs Jones and drawing with Mrs Davies.

MFL

In French, we will build on our learning of colours by beginning our next unit, numbers. We will learn the numbers one to twelve through games and songs and we will be able to ask and answer questions about our age.

Geography

In geography, we will be finding out about volcanoes. We will start by identifying and naming the layers of the earth then finding out about mountains and how they are formed. This leads us to mapping where volcanoes occur and thinking about what life would be like living near a volcano.

Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at bible stories, focusing on Jesus' miracles. We will be retelling these bible stories and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles.

Music

Our focus this term will be singing. We will learn the importance of warming up our voices and singing in unison. We will begin to notice simple rhythmic notation and use rhythmic notation to compose our own song. We will perform and evaluate our performances.

PSHE

Our theme in PSHE this term is 'rights and respect'. We will be thinking about the skills we need to develop as we grow up and how we can help and be helped. We will also think about looking after the environment and managing money.