

# Miss Evanson and Mrs Sidaway

Welcome to the Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Evanson directly, in the first instance.

#### Maths

Our focus to start the term, will be on deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to represent and apply the column—subtraction algorithm. Children will learn to identify when exchange is required how to represent and apply this. Regular practice of number bonds will support their learning.

We will then develop our knowledge of the four and eight times tables using multiplication and division.

Club sheets will continue to be tested weekly.

### **English**

In our English lessons we are going to be focusing on our Brilliant Basics:

- The writing makes sense.
- Basic punctuation is mainly correct.
- Letter formation and placement is mainly accurate.
- Consistent tense mainly used.

We will be exploring how to make our writing more engaging through the use of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. The children will also be learning to use adverbials of manner, time and place in their writing.

Our class reading book will be 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher. We will be focusing on understanding the vocabulary and using the clues in the text to make inferences about characters' thoughts and actions.

# CREAKERS

#### RE

Our RE focus for the Spring is 'How can a mosque help us learn more about being a Muslim?' We will explore the key features of a mosque and what they reveal about Muslims' beliefs, especially beliefs about prayer.

#### Science

In our Science lessons we will be exploring magnets and forces. We will use scientific enquiry skills to identify which materials attract magnets. We will observe the forces magnets produce and explain what magnetic poles are.

# PE

This term our PE lessons will focus on dance and gymnastics. Y3 will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (including joggers) in school as it is expected all children participate. Please remove earrings for PE lessons.

On Thursday afternoons, we will have swimming lessons as part of our PE. This will take place at St Regis School..

## Computing

In computing we will continue to explore ways of using technology safely and how to be kind online. We will look at sequencing sounds, explaining that programs start because of an input. We will then move on to look at events and actions in programs.



In our Geography lessons, we will continue to learn what volcanoes and earthquakes are. We will discover how they change the physical features of the world and how they impact on the lives of people.



In Art, we will continue to develop our sketching techniques focusing on shading, tone and texture and use a number of brush techniques using thick and thin brushes to produce shapes and lines when painting. In DT our focus will be food technology. The children will learn how to prepare foods in a safe and hygienic way using the appropriate equipment.

Our PSHE focus for the term is online relationships and internet safety. The children will learn basics strategies to keep themselves safe online and know how to report things that concern them.

The focus of our music lessons will be listening and appraising. The children will also look at the composition of pieces and have the opportunity to compose their own pieces. We will be learning to sing songs focusing on the pitch, tempo, lyrics and instruments used in the song.

This term the children will continue their Spanish lessons with Senora Brown.

#### Diary dates:

31.01.25 - Spelling Workshop Breakfast Y2/3

12.02.25 - Eucharist

05.03.25 to 08.03.25 -Y3/4 - Osmington Bay

21.03.25 - Y3 Come Dine With Me

01.04.25 - Parents' Evening 5-8pm

02.04.25 - Parents' Evening 3.30pm -5.30pm

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