



Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum



Mengham Junior School
September 2022

Welcome to Year 3!

It's a brand new school year for all of us in year 3 and we would like to welcome all of the new children, parents and carers to Mengham Junior School. We are incredibly excited to welcome the children into their new classes and start all the fantastic learning experiences we have planned for this term!

English

English this term will begin by writing a vivid setting description with a strong focus on using amazing vocabulary inspired by the book 'The Tin Forest'. In addition to this, we will be focusing specifically on sentence structure and high frequency spellings. During this term, both classes will be reading 'Tin Forest', 'Stone Age, Bone Age' and 'Iron Man' in guided reading as well as using 'The Present' as an exciting film driver. We will be focusing on developing our inference skills.

Maths

Maths in Year 3 starts with place value: teaching the children the value of each digit in two-digit and three-digit numbers. This will allow them to be able to use those numbers throughout the year in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division units successfully. We hope that the children will enjoy using the resources we have available and all of the exciting problem solving activities included in their maths lessons.

History

In history this term, the children will be stepping back in time to some of the earliest historical records in British history for the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. This will include our trip to Butser Ancient Farm where the children can experience the Stone Age and beyond.

Geography

In geography this term, we will be learning about mountains by following the journey of Admiral Lord Nelson. We will be exploring the human and physical features of the Alps and putting ourselves in the shoes of a mountaineer.

Art

One of the key skills in junior school art is drawing and painting, so we will be helping the children develop these skills. Linking with our history learning, the children will also be creating their own Stone Age style drawings to be displayed around the school.

Computing

In computing, the children will be getting used to the ICT resources we have in school (laptops, iPads, VR headsets and crumble boards) and learning how to log in, create documents and save documents. They will also be introduced to our online safety policies at school and learn how to keep themselves safe on the internet and computers.

R.E.

Our concept in R.E. this term is 'message'. Year 3 will be discussing and investigating what 'message' means to them and others using Philosophy for Children. In particular, we will learn more about the messages that Christians believe were given by Jesus. This will be followed by a unit about angels with a focus on finding out why angels are important to Christians.

P.D.L.

Settling in is incredibly important in Year 3, as we want the children to feel a part of the school community from day one. The first P.D.L. unit this year is titled 'Settling In' and will give the children the opportunity to learn more about the school and create their own 'Class Charter' for their classroom. After half term, we will be thinking about feelings and how we can empathise with others in our unit 'Focus on Feelings'.

Science

Our first science unit will allow the children to have fun exploring magnets and learning about their effects. After half term, we will make shadow puppets and reflective outfits whilst learning all about light. We will also be taking part in a 'longitudinal study' - a long term study into the trees on the school grounds which will continue throughout the year.

D.T.

Our D.T. learning will be linked to science and computing by designing, making and evaluating effective light boxes. We will test and use a range of materials to see which is the most effective box whilst applying our science learning to let just the right amount of light through.

Music

The year 3 teachers absolutely love listening to and hearing the children play lots of different instruments throughout the year! This term we will be singing and creating a soundscape to go with a setting.

P.E.

The children will be starting their P.E. learning with a netball unit, where they will be practising their throwing and catching skills, leading up to a game of netball.

Our P.E. days will usually be Monday and

Tuesday but please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times in case this changes. Swimming will begin in Autumn 2.

French

At Mengham Junior School, we are lucky to be learning some of the key vocabulary of the French language. This half term, year 3 will be learning the vocabulary for greetings, colours and the numbers 1-12.

Home Learning

The children will soon receive a home reading log. We ask that children read for a minimum of 15 minutes at least 5 times a week and that this is signed by an adult. In doing this, children will be in a great position to complete our termly reading challenge: to read 8 books. In addition, we ask that children are completing 20 minutes of Numbots and Times tables Rockstars to support their maths learning. Spelling homework will also be set online using Spelling Frame. Children will have around 10 spellings each week to practice. Links for homework websites can be found on the school website and login details will be provided shortly. Homework will be given out on a Friday each week and collected in each Thursday.

Key Events & Dates

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 13th Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 30th morning September

Birch Butser Trip: Monday 17th Sept.

Oak Butser Trip: Friday 21st September

Hello Yellow Day: 10th October

Swimming: Autumn 2 TBC

Sleepover: Friday 25th November

Sleepover assembly: 2nd December

Half term: Week beginning 24th October

Parents' Evening: 1st & 3rd November