



# Year 3 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School  
January 2023

## Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and that you are looking forward to all of the amazing experiences and learning coming up in 2022.

### English

Year 3 are starting off the new year by completing our scary suspense stories and then being inspired by Animal Parks. We will use our best boastful adjectives and imperative language to persuade our readers to visit our own Animal Park.

### Maths

This term, we will be revisiting and building upon the mathematical skills we learnt last term. We will explore deeper within fractions, measure and the four operations. Furthermore, lower school together will be covering the unit of time.

### Science

Our first Science topic this term is 'Animals: Skeletons and Movement' where we will be learning all about how different animals move and the jobs of skeletons. This topic will take place alongside our longitudinal study about the trees on the school grounds which the children started in the autumn term.

### History

The next history topic will be all about the 'Revolting Romans'. We will be building on our knowledge of the Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages to find out about the next British historical period. We can't wait to deepen our understanding with a variety of fun and informative resources and activities.

### Art

In Art, we will be studying the work of African artist, Ephrem Kouakou. We will be focusing on improving our drawing, painting and printing skills to produce a final piece in the style of the artist.

### Computing

In computing, we are going to be refreshing our e-safety knowledge including taking part in exciting activities on Safer Internet Day. We will also be building on our coding skills.

### PDL

During PDL next term, Year 3 will be focusing on making and keeping friends. We will be developing our social skills and learning about empathising with others. After that, our topic will be all about keeping safe in school.

### RE

During RE, we will be exploring places of worship including finding out more about the Synagogue and visiting one virtually. As Easter time approaches, we will be discovering how and why Christians celebrate Easter.

### DT

This term, we will be learning about textiles. We will be using the Mengham problem solving wheel to understand, plan, design and evaluate a product whilst improving our sewing skills.

### Music

This term, we will be studying a piece of music and thinking of which zoological animals it reminds us off. We will be creating our own imaginary animals and using instruments to represent their movements and sounds.

### PE

To begin with, Year 3 will be learning how to manipulate their bodies into different gymnastic shapes, thinking carefully about their balance skills. Additionally, we will be building up to a full game of hockey. After half term, we will be learning to play cricket.

### Home Learning

All children have a home reading log and we ask that children read at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 15 minutes per session. In doing this, children will be in a great position to complete our termly reading challenge: to read 8 books. Everyone who completes this challenge will be awarded a free book of their choice at the end of term

celebration assembly.

Maths homework will continue to be TTRS with an expectation to complete two sessions a week. Spelling homework will also be set online, using Spelling Frame. Children will have spellings each week to practice. Links for homework websites can be found on the school website and login details will be written in the front of their reading logs.

### **A reminder...**

Please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school each week. This includes black shorts/tracksuit trousers, a t-shirt or polo-shirt in their house colour and suitable trainers or plimsolls. A jumper is also a good idea at this time of year. Please ensure suitable tape is provided for earrings that cannot be removed. You will be contacted by text if your child has items missing as these lessons are compulsory and an important part of our curriculum. Please can you make sure that all items brought into school are named.



*Butser Ancient Farm was so much fun!*

### **Key Events & Dates:**

<b>Year 3 PE days:</b> Mondays and Wednesday
<b>Reading logs due:</b> Thursday <b>returned:</b> Friday
<b>INSET Days:</b> Friday 10th February
<b>Half Term:</b> 13th - 17th February
<b>Safer Internet Day:</b> Tuesday 7th February
<b>World Book Day:</b> Thursday 2nd March 2023
<b>End of term:</b> Thursday 7th April
<b>TTRS Day:</b> Monday 16th January