



Year 3 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School
January 2025

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 2025.

English

Year 3 are starting off the new year by 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. We will also be covering the unit of time. Get your clocks and watches ready!

Science

Our first science topic this term is 'Solids, Gases and Liquids'. We will be investigating different materials and classifying them. After this we will learn about the water cycle.

History

The next history topic will be all about the 'Revoluting 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, including a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace!

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. With computers and iPads we will be creating videos that include a

voiceover!

PDL

During PDL this 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 building on our xylophone playing skills using a song 'Chinese Lanterns' to inspire us. After half term our unit is called 'Mystic Moments'. We will be combining xylophones with untuned percussion to create a mystical piece of music.

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 our hockey skills so we can play a game of hockey.

Home Learning

All children have a home reading log and we ask that children read at least 5 times a week. 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. 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.



The Harbour trips were so much fun!

Key Events & Dates:

Year 3 PE days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Home learning: Logs due in Thursdays

Trips to Roman Palace: Friday 23rd of February and Friday 1st March.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

INSET Day: Friday 14th February

Half Term: 17th–21st February

Parents' Evenings: 24th and 26th February

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March

End of term: Friday 4th April