

English

In our writing sessions, we will begin the term by focussing on developing the specific grammar and punctuation skills that our children will need to be able to use effectively in their writing during year 3, using the animation *Planet Unknown* in order to support this. We will then move on to writing narrative recounts of *The Wild Robot*, along with reports based around our geography learning on the Amazon rainforest, as well as producing our own poetry.

Our reading lessons will continue to give our children the chance to read and enjoy a diverse range of high-quality texts, developing their reading skills and using these to answer 'big questions' around the text, beginning with the brilliant *Journey* trilogy of picture books by Aaron Becker.

We will continue to learn and practise spellings weekly, testing ourselves on these every Friday.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on the following areas and themes:

- Keeping and staying safe—leaning out of windows
- Keeping and staying healthy—medicine
- Relationships—touch

Music - we will be working with Mr Crane to develop our understanding of the dimensions of music, based around the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. In the second part of the term, we will go on to explore playing and performing using the glockenspiel.

Art - our children will explore drawing and collage through the work of Salvador Dali and Frida Kahlo, drawing on elements of surrealism in order to create their own collage self-portraits

D&T - we will be developing the skills of decorating and joining fabric, in order to create a bookmark for a specific consumer.

Year 3 Autumn Term

Dates for the diary

Rainforest Roadshow—13th October

Mathematics

We will be working hard to consolidate our previous learning in maths, as well as explore new skills and areas of learning. Our topics for the autumn term will be:

- Place value to 1000
- Adding and subtracting, including across 10s and 100s, and using 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Multiplication and division, including the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables

We will also continue to develop our arithmetic skills through a daily arithmetic practise session.

Science—Animals including humans

We will be learning all about the human body, including the skeletal and muscular system. We will also investigate nutrition and the importance of a healthy diet.

Science – Forces

Our science work in the second half term will be based around forces, including work on pushes and pulls, gravity, friction and magnetism

Meet the Year 3 Team

3J Class Teacher: Miss James

3H Class Teacher: Mr Hawkins

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mincher, Mrs Hassell and Miss Nicholls

Useful websites

TT Rockstars: www.ttrockstars.com

EdShed: www.edshed.com

Reading Plus: <https://student.readingplus.com>

School website: www.oakmeadowsschool.uk

P.E

In the first half term, we will be developing our skills in the Fundamentals of PE, along with learning how to play handball. We will then move on to learning through the activities of dance and golf.

P.E lessons will take place on a Wednesday with Mr Benton and Friday with Miss James and Mrs Mincher. On PE days, children should wear their PE kits to school; please ensure that children have a warm tracksuit top or hoodie with them for outdoor PE

Home Learning

Paper copies of spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested in school the following Friday.

Times tables will also be assessed regularly—please ensure your child practises these on Times Tables Rockstars.

We will be encouraging our children to read as regularly as possible with an adult at home, with an initial target of three times a week, recording this in their reading diaries; once children have achieved this six times, they will be invited to choose a prize as a reward! Children will also be able to access Reading Plus on devices at home, to support their reading fluency. Your support in developing our children's reading ability will be absolutely invaluable, and much appreciated.

Computing

We will begin the term by discovering more about how computers are connected, particularly within our school network. We will then go on to develop our desktop publishing skills and create different media for different uses.

MFL—French

We will focus on the basics, including how to say hello and introduce ourselves, as well as key vocabulary including days of the week and colours

R.E.

We will explore the different beliefs that people hold about God in Christianity, before going on to find out what it is like to be a Hindu.