

Year 3 Curriculum booklet term 1

'Amazing learning'

Mission Statement:

PRIDE, HONESTY, ENTHUSIASM, SUCCESS

Park House English School aims to be a caring and kind place where students can learn academically, morally and socially.

Much emphasis is placed on guiding the students in the appropriate ways to behave and conduct themselves. They are encouraged to be kind, honest and respectful, and take on responsibility for their own learning.

We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment where students are motivated, challenged and enthusiastic about their learning; one where they take pride in their work, are proud of their school, and are able to achieve success and reach their full potential.

We aim to give every child a happy education that equips them with the skills to become lifelong learners and successful global citizens.

The Year 3 team

Head of Year: Mrs Sara Axon

Teachers: Mrs. Laura Hutchinson, Mr Sebastian Barlow, Mrs Keelin Turley

Teaching assistants: Mrs Sairah Clifton, Mrs Claire Panes

Literacy (reading, writing, spelling and handwriting)

- Spelling is differentiated depending on individual needs. The learning of set spellings each week is followed up with a weekly spelling test on a Thursday.
- Handwriting follows the Nelson Scheme and is practiced weekly.
- Children are encouraged to read for fun as well as completing the set Oxford Reading Tree books each week. Reading for understanding (comprehension) is practiced throughout the year as we often find many children can read complex words but have limited understanding of their meaning or when to use them in context.
- In term 1 we will cover: Stories with a familiar setting; instructions and poems and playscripts. Alongside this we will cover grammar and punctuation.

<u>Numeracy</u>

- Children will receive differentiated work within their own class.
- The learning set each day is designed to challenge all children and promote "amazing learning."
- Children are encouraged to focus on their timetables as part of their weekly homework. Each Thursday a mental Maths test will take place, this will be based on the times tables covered that week.
- In term 1 we will cover:
 Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, 3D shapes and place value.

International Primary Curriculum (IPC) -includes Art, DT, ICT, History, Geography, Science

- The IPC is an exciting, engaging, learning-focused and child-centred curriculum. It is based on clearly set learning goals.
- Learning is thematic in structure and children experience learning through units of work.
- Term 1: Brainwave Different Places, Similar Live
 - Feel the Force
 - Term 2: Inventions
 - Turn it up
 - Term 3: Footprints to the Past
 - Land, Sea and Sky
- Per unit, children will carry out a home-based project as part of their weekly homework.
- Parents will receive a letter at the beginning of each unit outlining the learning taking place.
 There will also be 'Exit Points' (Showcase of Learning), where parents will get the opportunity to visit the class

Home learning and Communication diary/reading records

- Homework is given out daily but will be collected in altogether on a Thursday morning.
- Children are expected to write their homework down daily, in their blue diary.
- The pink reading log contains information about what books each child has read. We request that this is signed each time your child reads with you at home.
- Each child is given 2 reading books per week. They are changed every Sunday morning and it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure their books and pink log are in the 'changing tray' on arrival.

Useful dates for your diary

- Meet the teacher evening: 16th September
- Parents' meetings: 9th/10thOctober
- Half term: 21st October
- Winter concert (date to be confirmed): December
- Pink Day: 18th October
- Blue day: 15th November
- End of term: 20th December

Useful websites

BBC Spellits (Spelling games) (KS2) BBC Bitesize (Spelling and grammar) (KS2) Arcademic Skill Builders (Literacy and maths games) (KS1 & KS2) Crickweb (Literacy and maths educational games) (KS1 & KS2) Kids Spell (Create your own spelling lists & games) (KS1 & KS2) Fun Brain (Maths, reading and spelling games) (KS1 & KS2) Learning Games for Kids (Spelling and word games) (KS1 & KS2) Eduplace.com (Levelled spelling and vocabulary games) (KS1 & KS2) PrimaryGames.com (Spelling rules, incl. vowels, blends, plurals etc) (KS1 & KS2) ICT Games.com (Look, cover, check game) (KS1 & KS2) The Times Spelling Bee (Listen to a word and spell it) (KS2) (14 day trial: £1) Manythings.org (Aimed at ESL students but includes useful spelling & vocabulary games) (KS2) Spelling city (Vocabulary and spelling interactive activities, printable worksheets, games) (KS2)

<u>Useful Apps</u>

- Poptropica
- Phonics Ninja
- Pizza Fractions
- NASA Visualization Explorer
- Science 360
- Thinking Blocks Multiplication
- Vocabulary spelling City