

English

In English the children will be studying 'Sand Lizards', which is a narrative fiction. They will explore the themes of friendship and use their own experiences when discussing the story. In writing, the children will write descriptions of a beach setting showing different moods and feelings.

During poetry week the pupils will have an opportunity to write and perform poetry. For non-fiction writing, the children will be exploring information guides. They will be examining an A to Z and exploring features and layouts of information guides.

Weekly grammar lessons will build on the children's prior knowledge of sentence structure. They will learn about different ways to start sentences and how these can be used for good effect in their own writing. They will also be learning how to use a wider range of connectives and conjunctions effectively. They will also work on using headings and sub-headings to organise their ideas.

Spellings will focus on suffixes (y and ly) and silent letters. Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern, which they are then expected to transfer to their independent writing and learn for a weekly test.

Maths:

The children will be starting with revisiting place value and looking at the number system. They will be learning the value of each digit in a three digit number eg what the hundreds, tens and units are in 265. They will be reading and writing numbers up to 1000.

It is important that the children master counting in 4, 8, 50 and 100. Children should practise working out numbers which are 100 more and 100 less.

With addition and subtraction, the children will be investigating calculations using a range of equipment before moving on to the abstract written column calculation. Children can practise adding and subtracting three digit numbers at home.

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and the corresponding division facts. The children can monitor their own progress by accessing the 'heat maps' in the statistics part of Times Table Rockstars. Homework will also be set weekly on My Maths.co.uk.

Every afternoon, the children will be able to develop their arithmetic skills through a daily maths activity that will re-inforce the week's teaching.

Year 3: Autumn 1: Brilliant Becontree

The Wider Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Brilliant Becontree', which is a great opportunity to study the local area. The children will also learn to name and locate the county of Essex. They will be able to name, identify and explain the human physical features of Becontree eg the rivers, population and land use.

As part of the **Art** programme this term, the children will be studying the sculpture of Andy Goldsworthy. The children will have fun with 3D stone sculpture and name them to represent the mood and intent.

In **Science**, children will identify and name rocks, know their properties and sort them using a key. They will also start the year round observation of plants.

· During **RE**, pupils will explore the power of sayings and their meanings. They will learn about the stories of Jesus and Buddha in how they challenged people in the past and still today.

· In **PE** lessons children will explore cricket and athletics.

· In **ICT** we will be developing an understanding of how electronic surveys work. The children will collect and interpret data.

· In **Music**, the children will have the opportunity to practice and improve their singing skills and they will be learning to perform 'Let your spirit fly'.

Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 3A: PE Tuesday and Friday

Class 3B: PE Monday and Thursday

Class 3C: PE Monday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform. All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please provide your child with a named water bottle.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment via year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

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