

English

This term the children will be looking at play scripts. They will be learning about the importance of a setting in a play and about how to write dialogue. They will also be looking at explanation texts in the non fiction unit. The children will be writing instructions and ensuring they are clear and easy to follow.

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 (-ed, -ing, -less, -ful) and homophones (there, their, threw, through). 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.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. They will have the opportunity to change home reading books at least once a week. Each week the children will be taught a new spelling pattern and also how to identify word meaning through context and the use of a dictionary. Children will be encouraged to use new words in their writing. They will be taught a range of grammatical terms and the correct usage.

Maths:

In Mathematics this half term we will have a major focus on multiplication and division. The children will learn the 4 and 8 times tables, as well as the associated multiplication and division facts. This will be achieved with practical activities and jottings to help understanding. The children will also be learning to solve problems using addition and subtraction.

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.

We will also be measuring in mm, cm and m as well converting between the three. Later, we move on to calculating perimeter of 2D shapes. We will continue to develop problem solving skills, both mentally and written. Pupils will continue to learn how to respond to questions and understand how to resolve a problem using the skills learned.

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 2: The Flintstones

The Wider Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'The Flintstones'. The children will describe houses and settlements, culture and the way of life of the 'Stone Age'. They will investigate the beliefs of the time and how these change. At the end of the unit the children will be able to describe the changes in Britain from the stone age to the iron age and give reasons for the changes.

- As part of the **Design and Technology** programme this term, the children will design and make a roundhouse. They will annotate plans of design ideas. They will select appropriate tools and equipment.
- In **Science**, children will explore how forces can make objects start to move, speed up, slow down or change direction. They should identify that magnets attract some materials and not others. They will learn that magnets have two poles and attract or repel each other.
- During **RE**, pupils will explore the symbolic meaning of light through learning about different religious festivals, artefacts and stories.
- In **PE** lessons children will explore cheerleading in dance. In addition, they will develop their passing, receiving and throwing skills by playing netball.
- In **ICT** we will be developing an understanding of how email works. As well as looking at how to stay safe online.
- In **Music**, the children will have the opportunity to practice and improve their singing skills and they will be learning to perform Christmas Carols.

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

HAVE YOU SET UP CLASS DOJO AND THE MY SCHOOL APP?