

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 2 - 2023



Our theme for Summer Term is:



THE MAGICAL WORLD OF Harry Potter

Our main focus is:

To explore the magical world of Harry Potter and use this powerful text to inspire us in our writing, reading, mathematics and science.

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks

French

In French, we will be learning how to say the names of 10 different fruits, including dates and oranges. We will also build upon our previous vocabulary to put different strings of words together to make full sentences in French.

No Outsiders

Planet Omar: Ultimate Rocket Blast

Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be looking at what 'Change in our Lives' looks like. We will explore what change looks like and whether change is good or bad. Children will also be taught coping strategies and where to find support when there are big changes in their lives.

Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be focusing making good choices. We will be thinking about why we have rules and what the consequences can be if we break them. We will be discussing making the right choices and understanding what the right choice is.



P.E.

We are very excited to be learning athletics this half-term. We will also be having our Sports Day this term for which we will be competing in our Harry Potter house teams!

Children must bring their P.E. kit in every Monday to Friday. Earrings must be taken out for the lesson and appropriate footwear must be worn such as plimsolls or trainers. Our P.E. kit uniform is black short / bottoms and white tops.



English:

Get ready to write a range of amazing and exciting texts that include:

- A newspaper report based on a real life incident.
- A diary inspired by the adventures of Harry Potter and friends.
- Descriptions of settings and characters in stories.

This term's English focus is using paragraphs and inverted commas.

For Guided Reading, we shall be using the text of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone as a class to unpick. We will be using our comprehension, retrieval, prediction and inference skills to understand the story.



Science

It's time for our Herbology classes! This half-term, we will be exploring one of the most magical and mysterious things in the universe—life! We will be conducting experiments on how we can help life to flourish by looking at the life cycle of plants, what they need and how they are able to absorb water.

Art and Design Technology

During this topic, we will be creating our own fantastic beasts through our study of illustrator: Jim Kay. We will explore different sketching techniques and how textures can be created on paper.

Music

We will be investigating the history of music using our Charanga scheme of work. Children will learn different songs and play historical tunes on the glockenspiels.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read 10-15 minutes everyday. We encourage Year 3 children to gain some independence so we do encourage your child to write in their Reading Journal. Our homework for this half term is 'Harry Potter' and we will be holding our homework showcase for the children on Friday 7th July.

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 5th June: Board games week
20th June- Geckos and Chameleons trip to the Gurdwara
22nd June- Turtles and Dragons trip to the Gurdwara
5th July- Transition day
7th July- Homework showcase
12th July- Summer Fayre
14th July- Last day of school for this academic year

Mathematics

This half term, we will be solving some magical mysteries in Maths. and helping Harry to defeat Lord Voldemort. This will include focusing on the following areas:

- Different methods of division; exploring concepts of ratio, similarity, direct and inverse proportion.
- Recapping all four operations and understanding how they all link together. We will build on our knowledge of vocabulary associated with add, subtract, divide and multiply.
- Unlocking the mysteries of word problems.

To further support your child at home with Mathematics, you can login to times tables rock stars and have a go at mastering different times tables. There is also weekly homework set on See-saw to support the Mathematics topics in school.



Religious Education

This half-term, we will be exploring the beliefs of Sikhism and will be focusing on:

- Guru Granth
- Places of worship
- Food for all
- Pilgrimage



Computing

For our final Computing unit, we will be practising our computer science skills using Scratch on the computers. We will be programming a magical adventure for Harry and his friends using sequence and repetition.

