



Y3 Term 1 Curriculum 2023

Dear Y3 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school and a new school year. Ocklynge Junior School has a new curriculum. Our learning is now based all around 'Big' questions, children researching and having hands on experiences. Below is an outline of the questions that your child will be learning to answer over the next few weeks. We hope that this gives you information on what's happening in school but also allow you to support, research and enhance understanding at home.

As readers, all Y3 children will be reading from 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and 'Revolt Rhymes' by Roald Dahl. As writers we will study fairy tales and alternative versions of stories and tales. Feel free to read fairy tales at home with your child.

In maths lessons we follow a mastery approach. This means that we immerse and broaden a child's mathematical understanding before moving on. Our main study will be with the basic operations and place value.

As scientists we will be answering 'How does my body stay upright?' 'How am I able to move?' (Skeletons and muscles) and 'Why do objects move?' (Forces and friction). We will learn to name specific bones, muscle groups and explore animal skeletons. We will identify push and pull forces and test surfaces using scientific measures to compare the amount of friction.

We are learning to be geographers. Our Big question for Term 1 is 'How can we represent our world and find out where things are?' We will explore our new school and examine maps, symbols, atlases and Google Earth to find out about our locality, Eastbourne and features of the UK. We will learn to create our own maps but also understand what we see from space, in an atlas and on a map.

In RE we ask, 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' and will read from the Book of Genesis exploring what people believe. In PSHE we are asking 'What is my role within a classroom?' later creating a class charter and learning about school rules. As artists, we are asking 'What is observational drawing?' and we will be finding out about and examining the artwork of Henri Matisse as a collage artist.

We hope this information gives you a good picture of what your child will be learning at school and very much look forward to sharing the results of learning with you during our open event in the last week of this half term.