

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Letter

September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We appreciate everyone's enthusiastic approach to the start of our new year and are really looking forward to the year ahead.

We would like to introduce the year 3 teaching team:

Polar Bears – Mrs Choudhary

Seals – Miss Steward/Mrs Leech

Penguins – Miss Steer

Wolves – Mrs Parkes

The learning this half term will be based around the book 'The Tunnel' by the author Anthony Browne. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked to the theme your child will be learning about.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their Autumn uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.

I would like to remind you of the school policy during the winter months: grey trousers/ skirt, white shirt / t-shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes.

The weather will soon be changing and so we encourage all the children to have a suitable warm/waterproof coat for break and lunch times.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class to avoid uniform being lost or misplaced.

Supporting Your Child At Home

We ask that you support us in our aim to allow all children to reach their full potential. In order to do this, we ask for you to help your child with their learning at home. This can be done in the following ways:

- Read with your child every day; asking them questions about the story and how they are performing in the Accelerated Reader tests.
- Help your child to learn and practise all of their times tables to develop their rapid recall skills. This can be done via TT Rockstars.

- Practise spelling any key spelling words.
- See your child's teacher if you need further help.

PE

Our PE days are **Wednesdays**. Please send your children to school in their full PE kit to wear for the entire day. This should consist of a white t-shirt, black tracksuit and trainers. Earrings and watches **must** be removed for PE lessons due to Health and Safety. Long hair should also be tied back. If your child is going to swimming lessons, please make sure they are wearing their swimming costume under their uniform but don't forget to send underwear for after the swimming lessons!

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you very much for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss H Steward on behalf of the Year 3 Team.

English

This term the book 'The Tunnel' will be the basis for the children's learning in English. They will read and answer questions about the text to deepen their understanding. They will be introduced to suspense stories and what makes a good one; with the aim of writing their own. They will also use role play to construct persuasive arguments for the behaviour of characters within the story. Additionally, the children will write a character description for a lost person.

Computing

This term the children will be learning touch typing. They will learn typing terminology, the correct way to use a keyboard and will practise typing with both hands. The children will use Purple Mash 2Code to develop these skills.

History

The children will be learning about The Stone Age. They will look at life in the stone ages, the changes throughout this time and how progress was made in the Stone Age. They will also look at why this period was important for future ages.

DT

In DT this term, the children will explore and investigate tunnels. They will look at different designs and understand their purpose. Then they will be challenged to construct their own tunnels.

Maths

The children will begin to learn all of their times tables to 12x12. The children will revisit place value and secure their understanding and knowledge of number. They will learn how different numbers can be represented and will compare and order numbers. They will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as developing their problem solving and reasoning skills.

Science

The children will learn about the concept of Light this term. They will learn that in order to see anything light has to be reflected from its surface. They will recognise the dangers of the Sun and ways to protect their eyes. Shadows will be investigated: how they are formed and how they change.

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The Tunnel Anthony Browne

RE

This term the children will be learning about where, how and why people worship. They will explore different religions and their religious practices to see how they are similar and how they differ.

PE

Your child will learn how to improve their running, striking, passing and defending skills in isolation and in combinations through the sports of Golf and Badminton. They will play competitive games and apply the new skills

PSHE/Circle Time

The topic the children will be learning about this term is Being Me. They will explore what it means to be themselves, rewards and consequences of behaviours and they will also look at their roles and responsibilities as a global citizen.

Music

The children will use the program Charanga to introduce and learn a new song. They will continue to learn notation in order to read music. They will also continue to have weekly Singing assemblies.