



Kibworth Primary School

Year 3: Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Information



Dear Parents,

We had an extremely fun and busy start to the year, and this half term promises to be equally as eventful! Our new topic is called 'Gods and Mortals' and we will be focusing on learning about the history and myths of Ancient Greece. During this half term, Year 3 children have lots to look forward!

Literacy

Writing

For the first half of this term, the children will be learning the importance of how to edit and improve their own and others writing. We will be focussing on developing the children's descriptive skills through the use of expanded noun phrases, similes and we will also be introducing prepositions as a way of describing where things are. The children will be applying all of these skills in a variety of ways such as inventing and describing their own mythical creatures.



The Minotaur's gigantic horns were as sharp as daggers.

Reading

This term the children will be focussing on strengthening their skills at spotting information in texts. Using their scanning skills to spot key words they find in questions they will be taught how to become more efficient at finding and writing answers. This is a key skill that will allow them to further their comprehension skills and enable them to access information within larger texts with greater ease. We will be introducing reciprocal reading in small groups on as part of a three week cycle. This term our class book will be The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher.

Maths

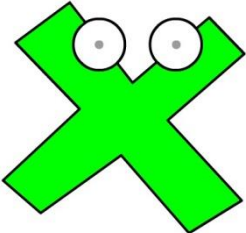
Addition and Subtraction



For this term, we will be consolidating the children's mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. Children will learn how to add and subtract hundreds, tens and ones from a three digit number mentally and use a written method for more complex calculations. The children will then use this new knowledge to help them solve various problems.

Multiplication

Later on in the term, we will begin to work on multiplication. We are continuing to work on teaching the children to not only be able to chant times tables but be able to recall them in any order rapidly. This quick mental recall will help the children complete questions mentally at speed and will allow children to progress to multiplying two digit numbers using a written method. The times tables that children must know by the end of year three are the 2,3,4,5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables.



ICT	Word processing	The children will continue to develop their understanding of how to use word processing tools creatively to create exciting pieces of work. They will learning how to edit texts, manipulate images and create their own content effectively using Microsoft word.
Topic	Gods and Mortals (History/ Geog/ DT)	Our next topic is called 'Gods and Mortals'. Within this topic the children will explore the fascinating history of the Ancient Greeks including the birth of the Olympics and the impact of it's great thinkers, such as Pythagoras, Archimedes and Plato, on our world today. We will also be looking at the intriguing world of myths they gave us from Theseus and the Minotaur to Arachne and the many challenges of Heracles. It will certainly be an Odyssey of learning!
Science		Within our science learning this term we will be looking at how light travels and we see objects. Children will be taking part in some exciting experiments and exploring their own ideas about light. We will also be learning about how to be sun safe - looking at the protection sunscreen gives us and why it is important to use it!
RE	What do people believe about God?	In this unit, Christian, Muslim and humanism beliefs will be explored and compared. the children will have the opportunity to reflect on their personal opinions and thoughts. Discussions will enable the children to develop and share their own viewpoints.
PE	Swimming	Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons. The classes taking part in swimming this half term have been previously sent out on parentmail. If you have any queries about this, please contact the office. Please ensure all items of clothing, bags, towels and hats are clearly labelled. Children will need a swimming costume/trunks, a swimming hat and a towel.
	Outdoor PE football and netball	Each class will have a different outdoor PE focus this term, including football and netball. Children will build up their skills such as learning how to pass and receive the ball then allow them to play matches against their peers. As it is getting colder please make sure your child has warm outdoor PE kit.

Things that you could do at home

The children have password access to 2 excellent web based resources to support their Numeracy development. The first is Mathletics, which has a wide and varied set of resources for the children to play and the second is Time Tables Rockstars, which is a quickfire times tables practice being completed daily in school. Please encourage your child to log on to each website at least once a week to make the most of these resources!

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. They need to continue to read every day with an adult and this needs to be recorded in their reading journals. If your child is a competent reader, please continue to hear them read and spend time discussing the text with them. Consider the characters, plot, settings and feelings.

Please help children with their mental number facts which will aid them in all maths work. This includes, times tables (as discussed above) and also mental addition and subtraction (345-2=). The biggest focus being on crossing tens and hundreds barriers eg 556-9 or 556 + 9 and 556 + 70 or 556 - 70.

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Literacy:

Grammar and punctuation games and activities:

Maths:

To help with mental subtraction: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/subtraction-grids> To help with mental addition and subtract:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/addition_and_subtraction/play/

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/Ghostbusters3/ghostsub3.html>

We are pleased to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

Many thanks for your support and we all look forward to an exciting term leading to Christmas.

**Mr Bradley, Miss Binczik, Mrs Swales, Miss Millington and the rest of the
Year 3 Team**