

## Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2025

During this term we will be learning through the following curriculum areas:

### English

In English lessons, we will cover a range of punctuation and grammar, this will include apostrophes, speech marks, question marks and paragraphs. We will also be looking at extending sentences, using clauses and conjunctions, as well as using correct verb tenses and fronted adverbials. During reading sessions, we will be discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest, retrieving and recording information from non-fiction texts and making sensible predictions and inferences. We will also be looking at using dictionaries to locate words and help assist spelling unfamiliar words.



### Our English learning this term will be based around the following books -

- The Lorax
- There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom
- The Big Blue Whale
- Leon and the Place Between

### Guided Reading

In Guided Reading, we will continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme which involves whole class reading and discussion about a text. The books we will be reading together are *The Diary of a Killer Cat* and *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat*.

We will focus on the following skills when reading; prediction, summarising, evaluation, inference, making connections, clarifying and asking questions.

### Maths

This term the Maths focus will be on multiplication and division, solving calculations using multiplication and division, reading the time in A.M. and P.M. and fractions.

### Geography

Our Geography topic for Spring term is all about rainforests. We are hoping to visit Durrell Zoo after half-term and take part in the rainforest workshop.

### Science

During the first half of the Spring term, we will be learning all about different types of rocks and their features. After half-term, we will be learning about light and shadows.

### Computing

Computing is taught by Mr. Rebours who is our ICT specialist. Children will be learning to create branching databases, early internet skills, loops in coding and e-safety.

### P.E. and Dance

P.E. will be taught by our sports coaches, Jay and Will. Children will be taking part in tag rugby, handball and Gaelic football. Dance & Drama will be taught by our specialist, Kamryn.

P.E. Days: Wednesday and Friday

Dance & Drama Day: Monday

Please ensure that for all P.E. lessons your child comes into school wearing the approved school kit and that it is named.

### Art

Art is taught by our specialist teacher Mrs Hopley. The children will be creating artwork of animals, linked to Geography (rainforests), inspired by David Attenborough and Richard Darwin. They will be using a variety of medias including pencil, paint, oil pastels and watercolours.

### Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be focussing on a healthy & varied diet. We will be making our own bread!

### RE

In Religious Education we will be learning about Christianity with a focus on Jesus' Miracles. The children will develop their understanding of Christians beliefs, Jesus as a healer and will study stories from the Bible.

### Emotional Health

We will have two focuses in Emotional Health this term. 'Our Learning' and 'Our Relationships'. The children will develop resilience, awareness of their emotions and skills to manage them.

### French

This year the children will continue to learn French. Mrs Morrison will be teaching French in both Year 3 classes. The pupils will be following the French 'Salut Jersey' booklet.

The children are also extremely lucky to have Jersey French lessons too! Children will learn Jersey French through weekly lessons and will be able to immerse into Jersey culture and Jersey history.

### Music

Mrs Arnett, our music specialist, will be teaching Year 3 pupils various music skills this term. The children will learn to play the ukulele and create rainforest music linked to our Geography topic.

### Oracy

Oracy is a key focus at Plat Douet. It involves the children engaging in meaningful discussions about their learning. Children are given the opportunity to agree with, build on and challenge other ideas to prepare them for later life.

### Homework

#### Reading

Children will choose a library book and a levelled book each week. Please encourage your child to read and when possible, sign their yellow reading journal.



#### Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and children will be tested on them the following Friday. Please practice these spellings at home with your child.

#### Maths

Homework will be Times Table Rock Stars, the expectation is that all children complete a minimum of 30 minutes per week on Times Table Rock Stars. Children will begin with their 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables.

### Important Dates to Remember

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half-Term  
TBC - Durrell Zoo trip  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Spring Reports

Reminders

- Children must come into school with the correct uniform each day, please can all uniform and PE kit be clearly named.
- Children's long hair must be tied up.
- No football or other inappropriate shoes.
- Your child must bring a named water bottle into school each day.
- Please send your child in with a coat as the weather gets colder.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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