

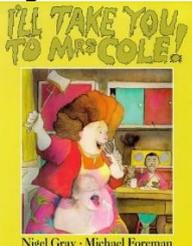
Greenvale Primary School
Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter
Year 3 – Woodpeckers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year.

This curriculum newsletter is written to provide parents with information about what your children will be learning during the term.

Below is a brief summary of the main topics that will be covered this term.

<p>English</p>  <p><small>Nigel Gray · Michael Foreman</small></p>	<p>We will be continuing to nurture and promote the love of reading and writing through studying a range of stories and poetry, such as 'Gregory Cool', and 'I'll Take You To Mrs Cole'. We'll also be looking at non-fiction writing, such as how to write information and instruction texts. Some of our activities will link to our IPC topic 'Living together' based on the local area. There will be a weekly spellings test on a Wednesday morning and Guided Reading sessions occurring three times a week.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be working on all four areas of number. For example, children will learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, order and place values onto a number line as well as using their times tables facts to work out corresponding division calculations. Shape, measure and time will also be covered during the term. Problem solving activities will be incorporated and these skills will be built on through the year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Autumn we will cover –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number bonds and applying them to larger calculations • Place value • Multiplication and division facts up to the 3 x table. • Calendar and telling the time to 5 minutes. • Partitioning numbers • Addition and subtraction with money. • Recall of multiplication and division facts.
<p>IPC</p>	<p>Topic – Living together. Incorporating aspects of local history and exploring communities which the children both belong to and ones which are vastly different to their own.</p> <p>In Geography we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How our school meets the needs of the community · About the buildings and services in our local area · About communities in a different country · How to identify the places and areas of interest in our local area <p>In History we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · About the history of our school and its community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · About someone who has been significant to the local community · About a historical event that has had an impact on a community <p>In Art we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How to make a mobile to improve areas for the school · How to represent ideas about community through art <p>In ICT & Computing we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How to use search engines, collaborative software and to research and report · How to program their own animation about the 'netiquette' needed for online digital communities <p>In Society we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · About the different groups, that make up our community · Why rules are important for different groups <p>In International we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · About different community celebrations around the world
ICT	ICT skills are used across the curriculum, but we will be focusing on creating power point presentations based on research around our IPC topic. We will also be creating animations using scratch.
PSHE	Is it soft to be sorry? Children will be discussing themes linked to friendships and how to get along with one another.
RE	We will be looking at Christianity and the celebration of Christmas.
P.E	Trampolining – Tuesday Games & Athletics–Friday afternoon with Mrs Greenwood
Spanish	Taught every Wednesday with Mrs Syradd.
Music	We will be learning seasonal songs linked to Harvest, Autumn, Winter and Christmas. Taught on Thursdays with Mrs Francis.

During the term, it is likely that at some point you will need to get in contact with a member of staff. We ask that you avoid the mornings as these are when we are usually busy preparing the classroom for the day ahead. However, if it is urgent, please do not hesitate to speak to the teaching assistant when they collect the class from the playground in the morning. Please also make use of the class wallets located directly outside the classroom to leave a note for a member of staff.

If you wish to speak with a member of staff about your child, the best time to do this is directly after school. We do however ask that you try to avoid a Wednesday as this our day for staff meetings. Finally, we do provide parents with our email addresses. Please feel free to write an email to us and we will do our best to get back to you promptly. Please note that emails may not necessarily be checked or responded to immediately but will be checked regularly during the week.

Uniform

At Greenvale, we have very high expectations for uniform. If for some reason your child is unable to wear an item of school uniform, please ensure that your child's class teacher is notified on that particular day.

Reading

It is expected that you will read with your children each night. Please discuss the book with them to help to develop their comprehension skills. Children will participate in guided reading sessions whilst at school and can change their home reading book as appropriate.

We also have our '8 before 8' reading competition. These books are of a range of difficulty for year 3, chosen based on feedback from previous year 3 classes. If you find your child is struggling to read one of the texts, we encourage sharing the reading with a parent or listening to it via audiobook whilst reading along.

Texts include: Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, Mr Gum, Pippa Morgan's Diary and Charlottes Webb.

YEAR 3 BOOK CLUB – Every Tuesday with Mrs Harrison, it is so vital for children's development to be reading and discussing books, especially in year 3. Book club is for children and their parents, they will read a book with an adult at home and at the club. There will be discussions about it and activities to go along side it.

Maths

In year 3 children must consolidate their times table knowledge. They must also have a clear and instant recall of number facts such as number bonds to 10 and 20.

Without an understanding of these key facts, your child will find accessing the maths curriculum difficult without securing this knowledge. I would therefore ask that you work with us and ensure that these are practised regularly at home.

Please continue to work on these at home with your children. This also applies to those who already have received their gold award.

Homework

Spellings will continue to be issued on a Thursday and tested each Wednesday. Homework will also be set on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed and returned the following Monday.

Please note that it is the child's responsibility for this to be completed and that if there is ever any uncertainty, they need to speak to a member of staff so that we are able to discuss this with them.

Stars are rewarded for the effort that each child has put into their homework. At the end of each half term, the children with the highest number of stars will receive a certificate and will also be named on the school newsletter.

PE

Trampolining – Tuesday

PE - Friday

For both of these sessions long hair must be tied up and earrings must be removed.

If for some reason your child is unable to partake in P.E, parents will have to provide a note explaining the reasons as to why.

After Christmas, Year 3 will begin swimming lessons – further details will be provided nearer the time.

Trips

We are in the process of organising our trip for the autumn term and will provide details as soon as they are confirmed.

Please note that there may be an opportunity for parents to attend a visit along with the class at some point during the year. As this can often be quite popular, names will be placed into a hat and chosen by the children.

Volunteers

At Greenvale, we are incredibly lucky to have so many parents and volunteers who are able to give up so much time to help out in class. If you are able to help out in class, please get in contact via email so that a suitable time can be arranged.

Items needed

Please can you continue to send your children in with boxes of tissues for use within class. We would also appreciate any donations of recyclable items (toilet rolls, cereal boxes, yoghurt pots, shoe boxes, etc).

Yours sincerely,

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