

**Spring 2 Year 3 Class Information:****Teachers: Mr Allen, Mrs Waterton & Mr Smalley****Additional adults: Ms Morris, Mrs Shepherd****School value:**

Our school value for this half term is Responsibility. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

**Welcome Back!**

A very warm welcome to our Year 3 children and their families. We are looking forward to getting to know one another this term. You can follow our class twitter pages to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom

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**Year 3's learning this half term:****English:**

Margot Lee Shetterley's "*Hidden Figures*" is this half term's core text. It is a book about the true story of four African-American women who worked for NASA and completed the mathematics that sent the United States into space for the very first time. The book brings to life the inspiring story of the struggles of these four "hidden figures" and what they overcame to succeed, highlighting the importance of growth mindset and collaboration. The children will understand issues relating to human right, civil rights, equality, and segregation whilst discussing the broader socio-cultural context of the time period. Children will then create newspaper articles telling the "untold stories" linking to key figures such as JF Kennedy and Neil Armstrong.

**Maths:**

In Maths this half term, Year 3 will focus on analysing data. They will explore tally charts, pictograms and bar charts to interpret information and systematically record data. The children will also be learning about fractions, recognising  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1.4 before moving on to multiplying 1 digit by 2 digit numbers at the end of the term. There will be a big focus on arithmetic for Year 3 children and the children will have 15 minutes each day dedicated to rehearsing their times tables.

**Science:**

This half term in Science, Year 3 will be learning about plants. Building on their scientific knowledge from this topic in Year 2, the children will explore photosynthesis, pollination and wind dispersal. They will learn about different conditions a plant needs for germination and growth, and will observe how water is transported to other parts of the plant through experiment and investigation.

**RSE:**

The RSE focus this half term will be linked to different ways the children can care about each other. They will learn to recognise respectful behaviour in different situations and identify the importance of self-respect and their right to be treated respectfully by others. They will then discuss how they can support their communities.



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#### **Music:**

In Music, the children will be using graphic scores to create an African drumming ensemble by working collaboratively to repeat drumming patterns to create a rhythm.

#### **History:**

In History this term, Year 3 will be learning about the Victorian era. They will discuss Queen Victoria's reign from 1837-1901 and learn about the untold story of Abdul Karim who she developed a strong friendship with. The children will explore the life of a Victorian child during this time period. The children will then look at the case study of the Great Stink and the impact this had on the River Thames, and the lives of Victorians before the Public Health Act was introduced.

#### **Art:**

This half term Year 3 will experiment with textiles and puff paint to create a space themed piece of art. Children will research the artist Karen Rose who will inspire their artwork linked to the space theme in the core text. The children will work towards dyeing fabric and embroidering constellations to create patterns.

#### **French:**

The children will learn about different animals, numbers and adjectives to describe.

#### **RE:**

In RE, the children will learn about Judaism, and understand why Shabbat is important to Jews. They will also learn about Hanukah and compare this celebration to Christmas.

#### **General Information**

**PE:** PE will take place twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday for Year 3. **Children should bring their PE kits to school** on these days. These PE lessons will all be outside. Please ensure your child has warm kit for this including sensible shoes, trousers/joggers and a jumper.

**Reading journals:** Please ensure children bring in their reading journals to school **every day**. This allows teachers to check when children have achieved a book certificate and see how they're progressing with their home reading.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle, filled with water, into class with their name on.

**Times Tables:** In Year 3, children will continue practising instant recall of their times table. This half term, children will focus on learning the 4 & 8 times tables.

**Homework:** Children will be given homework every Friday due for the following Wednesday.

#### **Reading**

We do whole class reading **every day**. The children will work as a whole class, reading a range of texts that will help extend their literary understanding. The children will change their home reading books once they have finished and returned their book. Children will choose a book of free choice to enjoy at home. Please try to read with your child every day at home for twenty minutes. Feel free to give feedback about their progress, or the level of the reading book in their Reading Records. We appreciate all parental feedback.

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Parents evening

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Parents evening

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – World book day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – LKS2 disco 3:45-4:45

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Last day of term

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of term