



Year 3 Newsletter

Upton Junior School

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme for Term 1. Further detail about the curriculum can be found on our website or on MCAS.

DATES

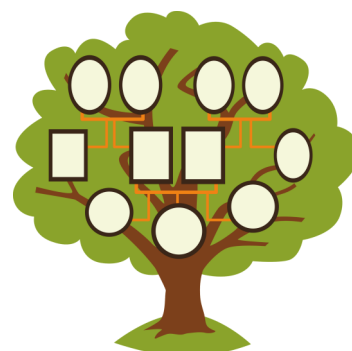
Dates	Activity	Year/Class
02/09/21	School gates open to Year 3 Pupils at 8:40 am	Year 3
10/09/21	Colour run	Whole School
13/09/21	Clubs Start (more details to follow)	Whole School
16/09/21	Individual Photos	Whole School
08/10/21	Hello Yellow—Mental Health Awareness Day (non-uniform wear Yellow)	Whole School
W/C 11/10/21	Fabulous Finish	Year 3
18,19,20/10/21	Parent Consultations (details to follow)	Whole School
22/10/21	End of Term 1 (school closes at normal time 3:15 pm)	Whole School
<u>START OF TERM 2</u>		
01/11/21	INSET day: School closed to all pupils	Whole School
02/11/21	School opens to all pupils from 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School



TOPICS FOR TERM 1

Knowing Me, Knowing You

The first weeks in a new school come with mixed emotions. Everything is new and there is a lot to learn. We will meet lots of new people, as well as old friends and share our likes, dislikes and our hobbies. This topic gives us time to get to know each other and discover more about ourselves along the way. Within this topic, we will create family trees, timelines of our lives, pencil cases for our partner, draw self-portraits and learn how to follow a map of the school.





ACROSS THE CURRICULUM



[Music- Term 1 3R and 3Y]

At Upton we teach the National curriculum for music through the focus of a different instrument each year. Each class receives three terms of music lessons per year, delivered in afternoons by Me (Mr L)! Below is each year group and the instrument they will be using to learn the basics of music.

Year 3 will learn how to play the recorder.

We hold a stock of recorders and children use them each week. After each lesson the recorders are then sterilised before being stored for the next week. This has always been our practice before Covid, but we are aware that many parents may feel uneasy about this. If you would prefer your child not to use a class recorder, you will need to purchase a recorder for them. Below is a link to an excellent beginner descant recorder from Amazon, for the price of 8.99!

NB: If you do purchase in instrument, please resist the urge to buy the brightly coloured ones from well known toy or superstores - they are never very good and ultimately lead to a disappointed child!

[Link to Amazon](#)

[Computing- Term 1 3B and 3G]

Computing: We start the life of Upton's Computing Curriculum with a "Computer Skills License". This helps all children at Upton getting used to Windows, saving on the network and accessing the internet safely. With Upton's own TEACH-IT Year 3 curriculum, the children learn to: Use-IT, Draw-IT, Type-IT, Find-IT, Surf-IT, Merge-IT and Prove-IT. These are all developing basic skills in using a PC within our school.

[PE and Swimming]

All classes will have PE in Term 1

PE takes place every **Thursday**. Children will need to come in wearing their outdoor PE kits which they can stay in for the day.

3R & 3Y will have Swimming in Term 1

Swimming: Lessons will be on a **Wednesday**. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, swimming costume (full swimsuit for girls and fitted shorts for boys), swimming hat, goggles and towel in a bag. Please ensure all items are named.

Modern Foreign Languages

Children will continue to learn Mandarin as our school language.

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Year 3 will look at the topic 'What do we know about Jesus?'



MATHS

Maths

Our Maths curriculum is taught through blocks, covering the seven different strands of mathematics. This term, we will start with place value and then move on to addition and subtraction.



Number - Place Value

- To read and write numbers to 100 and 1000.
- To partition numbers.
- To understand and count in hundreds.
- To look at the place value of each digit in a number.
- To use number lines to 100 and 1000.
- To find 1, 10 or 100 more or less.
- To compare objects and numbers.
- To order numbers.
- To count in 50s.

Number - Addition and Subtraction

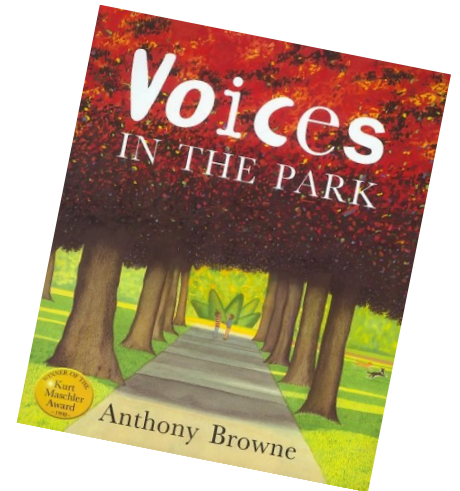
- To add and subtract multiples of 100.
- To add and subtract 1s.
- To add and subtract up to two 3-digit numbers, with and without regrouping.
- To use patterns to help with addition and subtraction (e.g. $5 + 2 = 7$ so $50 + 20 = 70$)

ENGLISH

At Upton we believe that reading should truly be at the heart of the English curriculum. Through reading, pupils learn how to write and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions.

Reading is a pillar of our civilization, present in every facet of society, and pupils who read well will ultimately have greater access to our textually rich world. Generating a long-lasting love of books and affinity with quality texts is key to an inclusive and inspiring English Curriculum. With this in mind, we have adopted a 'Text-Based Curriculum', where all aspects of English teaching and learning revolve around a chosen text.

Our children in Year 3 will be studying different texts this term. Some of our children will study Read, Write Inc. books and some of our children will be studying:



I called his name....

I settled on a bench....

I was amazed....

I felt really, really happy.....

VOICES IN THE PARK

BY ANTHONY BROWNE



Homework

Starting at a new school, your children will have lots of new routines, adjusting and concepts to learn. With this in mind, over time, homework will be introduced for our Year 3 children at a later date and a letter will be sent out nearer the time with more information.

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