



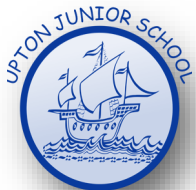
Year 3 Newsletter

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

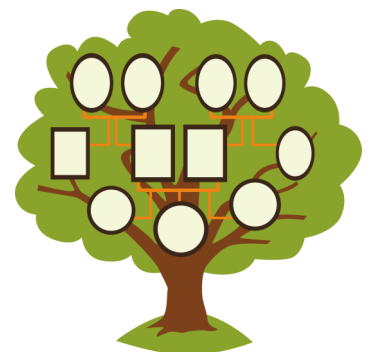
01/09/22	INSET DAY—School Closed to all Pupils	Whole School
02/09/22	INSET DAY—School Closed to all Pupils	Whole School
05/09/22	School opens to Year 3 Pupils at 8:30 am	Year 3
12/9/22	Stunning Start	Year 3
14/09/22	Individual Photos	Whole School
15/9/22	Behaviour Presentation with Mr. Walker	Year 3
16/9/22	1:1 Parent Meets	Year 3
W/B 28/9/22-5/10/22	Book fair delivered (before and after school until pick up)	Whole School
06/10/22	National Poetry Day	Whole School
14/10/22	Hello Yellow Day (wear yellow)	Whole School
14/10/22	Adults invited in to look at your child's books from 3pm	Whole School
W/B 17/10/22	Parent Consultations (details to follow)	Whole School
21/10/22	End of Term 1 (school closes at normal time 3:15 pm)	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, draw self-portraits and learn how to follow a map.





[Music]

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 - Recorders are the instrument taught.

Important message to Y3 parents: 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 an 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!

After 3 terms of recorder playing, your child might want to continue playing and join the recorder club - see the club menu for details!

[Link to Amazon](#)

[Computing]

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 Sport]

3B & 3G will have Swimming and Music in Term 1

3R & 3Y will have PE and Computing in Term 1

Swimming: Lessons will be on a **Friday**. 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.

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

Modern Foreign Languages

Children will continue to learn Mandarin as our school language.

RE

Year 3 will look at the topic 'What do Jews believe?'



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 represent 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 estimate on a number line to 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 $50 + 20 = 70$)
- To know number bonds to 100 and apply these to addition and subtraction calculations.

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:

I called his name....

I settled on a bench....

I was amazed....

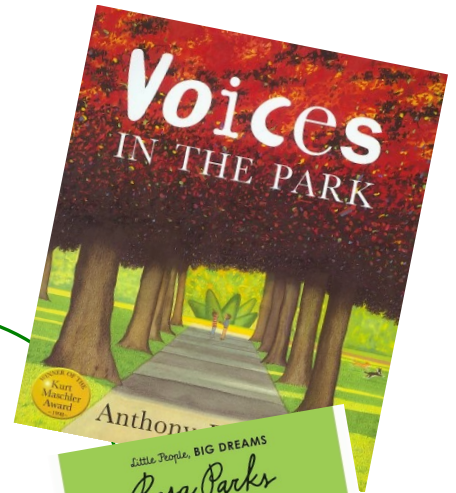
I felt really, really happy.....

VOICES IN THE PARK

BY ANTHONY BROWNE

AND ROSA PARKS

BY LISBETH KAISER



Homework

Once your child has settled into the routines of Upton, we will send a letter at the beginning of term 2 to detail the homework that your child will be set.

For Term 1, we will be sending your child home with a reading record and expect that they read a minimum of three times a week. Their reading record must be signed by an adult. Reading can be completed on their own or with their adult.

BLOGS

A reminder to look at our weekly year group blogs on Friday for key dates, messages and the learning that has taken place each week

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