



Mayfield School

Spring 1 2019

Miss Woodcock (3S) and Mrs Duerden (3M) are pleased to present details of the work to be covered in Year 3 this term.

In School:

English

Throughout this half term, we will be continuing our fables unit and learning about shape poems and themed stories. We will be focusing on various animals from our fables unit to create shape poems using exciting phrases and rhyming words. For our themed stories unit, we will be reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King as our focus text and presenting an innovated narrative to an audience of a younger age. We will be learning about the structure and genre features of narratives and will have writing opportunities to create our own version. We will also be concentrating on learning about a variety of word families and using conjunctions in sentences. We will continue to learn and understand the Year 3 spelling words.

Maths

Throughout the first half of the Spring term we will be reinforcing the importance of place value and how to partition numbers. We will also further develop our understanding of fractions by finding fractions of amounts and making links to the division of fractions. We will be carrying out lots of practical activities whilst we explore how to measure volumes, capacities and weight. Once again, will continue to develop our times tables skills and apply these when completing number sequences. To ensure that the children can apply a variety of Maths skills, we will also ensure there are lots of opportunities to solve a range of different problems.

Topic

Rock and Roll

This is a Science led topic alongside History and Geography. In Science, we will start the topic by learning about types of rock and how they are formed. The children will construct and carry out a scientific investigation using earth worms! They will then learn about the layers of soil and how it is formed. In Geography, we will be using maps to locate volcanoes and tectonic plates. They will be investigating how the eruption of volcanoes and earthquakes occur. In History, we will be going back through the ages to learn about fossils from the stone age through to the iron age.

RE - We are learning to retell Bible stories when miracles have happened and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles.

PE - We are going to be learning Gymnastics and Dance in PE this half term.

French - We are learning numbers 20-30 and about asking and answering simple questions about birthdays and games.

PSHE - This half term we will be learning about medicines. Which are harmful and which are safe and how they can be helpful and harmful.

At Home:

Homework, along with spellings, is given out on Friday to be returned by Wednesday. We understand that many of our children have busy lives out of school and we hope that having the weekend, as well as weekday evenings, will help families to find time to work together on any homework activities.

We expect the children to read part of their home reading book at least twice a week. As well this, complete a chosen activity from the grid in their activity book upon finishing their reading book. Children are not expected to read a whole book in one night (or week depending on the size of the book) therefore, please discuss what they read with them each time. The activity should be

completed on a different night to deepen understanding of what they have read. Your child's book will not be changed until an activity is evident in their book. This will be monitored twice a week.

Now the children are in KS2, we expect them to take responsibility for their belongings, which includes emptying their bags in a morning and bringing them into class. Please assist your child by making sure ALL their belongings, including PE kits, jumpers and lunch boxes are labelled. Please also make sure your child has their reading book, spelling book and homework book in school **every day**. Please ensure you check your children's bags every night for letters.

Now the Twitter page has been up and running for a full term, please check it regularly for updates on the children's activities. Our superstar spellers are posted weekly along with certificate winners and all other activities the children take part in. **Please follow us @mayfieldps8 or <https://twitter.com/mayfieldps8>**

PE kits need to be in school **every day** and taken home at half term.

PE is currently on a **Monday and Thursday for 3M** and a **Wednesday and Friday for 3S** - please ensure that they have the appropriate kit. Earrings are not allowed to be worn during PE lessons. Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers with non-marking soles (NOT fashion styles e.g. converse/vans etc or astro-turf boots) rather than pumps in KS2.

We would ask that you also download the Mayfield App for information on forthcoming events, such as the Sport's Day later this term, as well as for text notifications.

Encourage your child to practice times tables up to 12x, and mental addition and subtraction.

Year 3 Staff

Miss Lane will support Year 3 full time and Mrs Morris will support Year 3 every morning.

This looks to be a busy, but enjoyable, half term for us all in Year 3 and we would like to thank you for all of your help and support in everything that we do.