Drayton

**Drayton Green Primary School**

**Curriculum Information**

**Autumn Term - Year 3**

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**English:** As a school we want to foster a life-long love of reading and this term we will be enjoying a range of high-quality texts on which we will base quality writing pieces. These will include: *Gorilla* by Anthony Brown, *The Magic Finger by* Roald Dahl and *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward*.* Pupils will use the texts, together with lessons on grammatical skills and spelling to build on their writing. Pupils’ written work will be in the form of letters, narratives, information reports and poetry.

**Whole Class Reading:** Pupils will learn a range of reading skills that will enhance their fluency and comprehension; they are known as the *‘Reading Dogs.’* The skills will include inference, prediction and vocabulary growth, all embedded within the reading of high quality texts (*Voices in the Park* and *Little Red Riding Hood- The Wolf’s Story).* Where needed,phonics sessions will be organized as part of the lessons.

**Maths:**

We will be covering a range of topics this term in maths: place value, number facts and addition and subtraction. As well as calculating, the class will also be using their reasoning (thinking) skills to solve a range of different problems and investigations. We will be working on explaining our methods as well. It is important that pupils know and can quickly recall basic number facts that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to revise these facts throughout year 3. Pupils are encouraged to do the same at home and also to practise their mathematical skills in activities using money, estimating measurements and telling the time. We will continue to use *White Rose*

**Science:** This term the class will be learning about rocks and soil and their impact on the planet we live on. Pupils will gain a good understanding of the makeup of the planet and different types of rock. Children will be using a range of scientific skills in setting up simple tests, measuring and recording results, making careful observations, as well as grouping and classifying. We will encourage pupils to work practically as much as possible and use natural resources within the lessons.

**Religious Education:** This term we will be studying the significant role that sacred scriptures play as sources of authority within religious tradition. We will look at the functions and purpose of holy texts and discuss the part they play in individual and collective religious practices. We will be encouraging pupils to think about how relevant sacred scriptures are in our society.

**Computing:**

Our class will be learning to write instructions for games, understand and use algorithms and program simple sequences. We will explore Unplugged, j2data, floor robots and Scratch using block coding. We will also be using online programs to enhance curriculum learning.

**Physical Education:**

This term, Year 3 will be taking part in dance and general fitness lessons. The class will be developing their skills of agility, balance, movement and coordination. The children will also be improving their understanding of playing as a team, communicating and positive decision-making.

Please remember:

School uniform is not optional and MUST be worn every day. PE kits are part of school uniform and should be worn on the days your child has PE and dance (3D - Mondays and Tuesdays / 3G - Mondays and Wednesdays).

Please encourage your child to complete their homework to a high standard and to upload it onto Google Classroom. Homework is given on Friday and should be fully completed by Wednesday the following week using Google Classroom. Homework is not optional – if there is an issue please contact your class teacher.

On Fridays, children will have an *Arithmetic* and *Spelling* test based on their homework. Also, they will have a revision test for different subjects to consolidate previous knowledge from Year 2.

Absence – if your child is absent you MUST inform the school by 9:10 am, either in person or by phone.

For picking up and dropping off children, please be prompt and follow our Covid-secure rules.

The class teacher is best placed to deal with issues relating to your child, however, please avoid having important conversations at pick up time as the teacher must concentrate on ensuring all children are dismissed safely. If you need to communicate with your class teacher, please message them on your class’s online platform. In the event that a concern still remains unresolved, the Head teacher, Mrs Doherty, will be happy to address it.

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**Art and French:** Children will be learning about Stone Age art and will be using pastels to create designs in the style of that time. They will also be finding out how Picasso was influenced by stone age art. In French lessons we will be revisiting and embedding previous learning including: greetings, numbers 0-12 and colours. Pupils will learn how to ask each other and to tell each other their names and to talk and write about how they feel. They will learn the names of fruits and vegetables. Children will be introduced to masculine ‘le’ and femine ‘la’ nouns.

**History/Geography:**

During the first term, we will be studying the Stone Age and Iron Age. Throughout the lessons children will develop knowledge of the past and understand chronology (creating timelines), in order to make connections and analyse trends over time. They will learn to compare these Ages with modern Britain to understand local and world history.

In geography, we will be looking at the planet Earth. This will include learning about water, the weather worldwide and investigating different landscapes. Pupils will look at and learn to create maps and investigate and record information from various sources.