

### Design and Technology

Cooking and Nutrition: We will be looking at healthy eating and the eat well plate. Following on from this, the children will design and make a rainforest- friendly menu.

### Computing

Throughout this half- term period, the focus will be on coding. The children will design and create sequential algorithms. They will learn about variables in programming and debugging.

### Music

Over the course of the Autumn Term, Mr. Ogden will focus on introducing orchestral instrument families.

### P.S.H.E.

We will be looking at why we have rules and discuss responsible ways for living. We will also focus on how we can make the right choices.

### Class Dojo

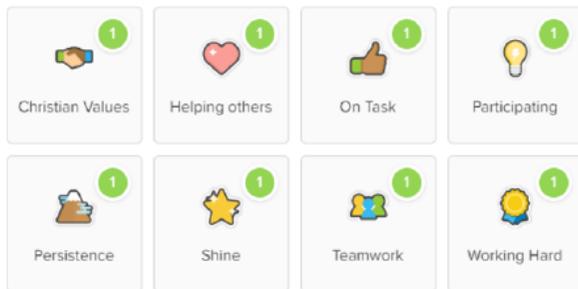
Class Dojo will be used in class for keeping track of when the children have achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

25 points = Bronze award

50 points = Silver award

100 points = Gold award

Class Dojo points will be given for the following reasons:



### Dates for the diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October -Parents Evening (3.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – close for half term (3.30 p.m.)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

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# Welcome to Year 3!

## Autumn Term 1



## ‘A Journey Through A Tropical Rainforest’

Dear parent,

Welcome to Year 3. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Mrs Crook and I are really looking forward to working with the children this year. Mrs. Tattersall will be working with the children on Friday mornings. We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Ryles, an Associate teacher, to the Year 3 team. Following a series of visits in early September, Miss Ryles will be joining us for four days a week, from September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**P.E.** – P.E. lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. P.E. kits are to be worn to school on Tuesdays only. Earrings are not to be worn to school on P.E. days, for safety reasons.

**Medication** - If your child requires any medication i.e. inhalers, please check that these are in date and send them back to school in a named plastic container. A recent photograph of your child on the lid will also be required. Thank you in advance.

**Homework** - This will be sent home on a Wednesday, to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between Maths and English each week. The children will also be set a list of spellings, as part of their homework, that they will need to learn for a test on a Monday (please see the Autumn Term 1 Spelling Programme). Weekly spelling quizzes will continue to be set on Purple Mash.

**Times tables** - By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. **Please see the times tables test dates at the bottom of the spelling programme sheet.** The times tables will be tested in a **random order**, to ensure that the children increase their speed and confidence. We will revise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Autumn Term 1, prior to moving on to the 3 and 4 times tables in Autumn Term 2. Extension tasks will be set in the quizzes, where appropriate (i.e. missing numbers). In Year 4, the children will be required to complete a times tables test and have just 6 seconds to answer each question. We will be leading up to this in our weekly tests in Year 3.

#### **TOPIC:**

#### **A Journey Through A Tropical Rainforest**

This half term, our topic is 'A Journey Through A Tropical Rainforest'. In Geography lessons, the children will be learning how to identify location, climate and features of a tropical rainforest. We will also be investigating the uses of the rainforest (including The Amazon) and how we impact them.

#### **English**

We will begin this term by looking at **persuasive adverts** and what it means to persuade someone to do something. This will be based around the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and the children will write their own persuasive adverts. We will then move on to study **fables**, where the children will be given the opportunity to plan and write their own fable, using Aesop's as a prompt. We will also be looking at **poems on a theme**: exploring and creating outdoor poems.

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we will begin by looking at the place value of numbers and the different ways in which we can partition numbers. Throughout the half term, we will also be exploring length, perimeter and statistics. We will focus on mental calculations, as well as revisiting the methods (using pictorial representations) to solve addition and subtraction problems, prior to learning the written methods.

#### **Science**

**Animals Including Humans** – The children will develop their knowledge of the skeleton and muscles. They will also learn about how animals including humans gain the right nutrition from their food and how this is transferred in their bodies. They will study how different animals are adapted to eat different foods.

#### **R.E.**

Our first R.E. topic is 'Called by God', where children will consider what it means to be called by God and look at the responses people have made to that calling. We will also be learning all about Harvest and looking at the meaning and purpose of Harvest celebrations.

#### **P.E.**

In P.E. lessons, we will be focusing on creative games. The Premier Education team will be delivering lessons on invasion games throughout the half- term period.

#### **French**

Mrs. Tattersall will be leading the French lessons throughout the year. The initial focus will be on greetings, names and ages. The children will then be introduced to the numbers 1 to 10, as well as to classroom objects and colours.