

Dear Year 3 families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great Summer. Well done to all the children for such a fantastic start to Year 3. The children have come back to school with lots of enthusiasm and are ready to learn!



Brindishe
Manor

English

This half term in Literacy, we are going to be writing setting descriptions based on the story 'The Stone Age Boy' and other links to our History topic. We will be focusing on using expanded noun phrases to give description going, commas and prefixes. We will then move onto writing biographies.

Maths

We will be starting with place value, focusing on numbers up to 1000. We will also be developing our adding and subtracting strategies, finding efficient ways of solving addition and subtraction calculations.

Please encourage your child to add and subtract up to 20 using mental strategies in their head. Please practise and encourage them to do so without using their fingers, as they grow in confidence.

Please also give your child plenty of opportunities to practice the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>) – is an effective and fun way for your child to practice and learn their times tables.

History

In history this term we are going to be learning about The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be finding out when these periods of time were in history, what happened during these times and what life was like.

RE We will be focusing on Buddhism. We will be finding out about the teachings of The Buddha using the story of Siddhartha Gautama.

Computing Our theme is 'Digital Devices'. We are going to be finding out the how digital devices function. We will then move onto animation, where the children will be creating short animations using an iPad.

Science This half term our focus is on light. The children will be exploring how light is used to see things in the dark, how the light from the sun can be dangerous and the importance of protecting our eyes and how shadows are formed and can be manipulated depending on the materials used.

Art – We will be observing Stone Age cave paintings and exploring different sketching techniques. We will also be developing drawing skills using a variety of tools including pencils, pastels, charcoal on different surfaces and scales.

P.E – We start the term looking at fundamental skills in sport, developing our balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping skills. Then we use these in outdoor PE of Golf building on our learning of aiming for a target as well as the rule of the game.

PSHME – The children will be exploring what makes a family, learning about personal boundaries and how to respond safely to others. They will also reflect on respectful behaviour and the importance of self-respect in their everyday lives.

Music – This term, the children will be learning about Samba drumming. Each week the children will be taught by a Samba specialist who will teach them about the history of Samba and the rhythms and techniques.

Spanish – This term we will be looking at the theme a new start. This will include learning greetings and learning about Spanish cultures around the world.

If you have any questions, please do email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Miss Mackay and Mrs Phillips

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

PE Days

Yousafzai –
Monday

(outdoor) and
Tuesdays
(indoor)

Pankhurst –
Tuesday

(outdoor) and
Friday (indoor)

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days

(t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers).

Year 3 Home learning:

Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our class page on Weduc starting from next week.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Year 3 and giving you further information in our Year group meeting on 11/9.