

PE

- Gymnastics: the children will explore stretching, curling, arching, symmetry and asymmetry
- Dance: the children will be creating sequences to express their identify using their names and interests
- Games: the children will practise ball skills and tag games

Helping your child

There are a number of ways that you can help your child to achieve their full potential at school.

- Aim for 98% attendance and arrive at school on time.
- Give them an appropriate breakfast.
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time (and avoid 'screens' for at least half an hour before bedtime)
- Read them a story and listen to them read.
- Help them to complete their homework and to learn their spellings.
- Help them to learn and practise their times tables.
- Ensure they have all the right equipment for school.

Equipment:

Every day your child should bring to school:

- Named water bottle
- Reading book
- School Planner
- PE kit (should be left at school throughout the week)

Key dates:

22nd September – Cross Country
3rd October – Individual Photographs
5th & 10th October – Parent Consultations
1st December – Year 3 Sharing Assembly
14th December - Ukulele Assembly

Year 3



Autumn 2017

Curriculum Information

At Windermere wherever possible, we follow a 'Themed Approach' to the curriculum. Linking activities and skills across a common theme encourages a deeper understanding of a topic, gives pupils a purpose for their learning and uses curriculum time more effectively.

Active learning is important to us; children gain a wide range of knowledge and understanding through hands on experiences, investigations and model making.

Our theme this term is:

Ancient Detectives And People and Places

English

- **Fiction:** using a story called 'Storm', children will look at using complex sentences to describe settings and moods. Children will also look at quest stories based on 'Dragon Slayer'.
- **Poetry:** looking at a range of performance poems, considering how the layout and use of language effect the rhythm.
- **Non-fiction:** reading an interactive eBook *Was Tutankhamen Killed?*, asking questions and collecting facts. They will write an explanation text using the facts they have collected to help solve the mystery! Children will also collect information about dragons and use it to write a non-chronological report.
- **Grammar:** the children will be learning basic grammar rules and applying them to their written work.

- **Spelling:** pupils will be given spellings every week, which they are expected to learn.
- **Handwriting:** the children will be learning to develop a fluent, joined handwriting style. This aids spelling and speeds writing.

Pupils will be allocated e-book copies of the texts read at school. Please log into Wordsmith to share these resources with your child.

Maths

Key skills we will be learning:

- Place value up to three-digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction; mental and written methods up to three-digit numbers
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Multiplication and division; mental and written methods up to three-digit numbers
- Fractions of shapes and numbers
- Measuring mass using standard units of measurement
- Solving problems choosing the appropriate operation

Science

- **Rocks and Soils:** properties of rocks and how they are used in our environment. What soil is, where it comes from and why it is important. How fossils are formed.
- **Amazing Bodies:** learning about the bones and joints in our bodies and how they allow us to move.

ICT

- **We are programmers:** Programming an animation
- **We are bug fixers:** finding and correcting bugs in programs

Humanities

- History: **The Ancient Egyptians.** Looking at life in Egyptian times and Ancient Egyptian beliefs
- Geography: Exploring the organisation of the United Kingdom into countries, counties and regions
- RE: Christianity and Islam Stories of Religious Leaders

Art and Creative Learning

- Art: **Poster Power** – Exploring graphic lettering in the Art Deco style.
- Design and Technology: **Sandwich Snacks** – Making a healthy sandwich.
- Music: Children will be learning to play the ukulele.