

Park Junior School

Together We Make A Difference

Head Teacher Mr David Tebbutt

Deputy Head Mrs Jenny May



Great Park Street, Wellingborough,
Northamptonshire, NN8 4PH

Tel: 01933 224 501

Fax: 01933 277 976

www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk
head@park-jun.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Year 3 Newsletter - January - April 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and an enjoyable New Year. We have enjoyed welcoming back your children to an exciting and busy school term. In this newsletter, we hope to inform you of the thrilling areas your children will be covering throughout these two terms up to Easter.

ENGLISH

This term children will continue to be split into focused groups, in the first part of the morning, to continue their intense programme of phonics, reading and comprehension following the scheme Read, Write Inc. Then they will participate in English lessons studying a diversity of genres starting with the Dragon Machine by Helen Ward followed by the Archaic text, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Then after the February half term the children will be studying the Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy and Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balti whilst continuing to expand and enhance their English skills.

MATHS

This term the children will continue to follow our Maths curriculum. Your child will participate in focused Maths lessons where they will be concentrating on a diversity of key areas to consolidate their knowledge and understanding. We begin with number focusing on division and multiplication. Followed by fractions - understanding the denominators of unit fractions, compare and order fractions, understanding the numerators of non-unit fractions & understanding the whole, scales and fractions on a number line. Then we focus on measures and length & mass. Recognising and describing 3D shapes along with time and telling it to 5 minutes, digital clocks, and Roman numerals on a clock face.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term, Year 3 will be continuing to participate in gymnastics on a Wednesday afternoon and on a Thursday afternoon for 3JW and for 3KY gymnastics also on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. The children will be partaking in dance/gymnastics and then 'Real PE' with the focus on Balance & Coordination. Children will need to continue to attend school in their outdoor PE kits. We also recommend that children do not wear jewellery/watches, etc on these days. P.E is an important part of the curriculum as it promotes a healthy lifestyle, also team building values and the acquisition of new skills.

COMPUTING

The children will begin the term by recapping their understanding of the internet through the smart values, and the focus area of respecting others and respecting the truth using our E-safety programme. They will continue to learn and refine their communication understanding by using programmes such as, word, publisher, power point and excel. During the next two terms the pupils will be working on an embedded unit of animation that links to the Romans and then introduced to 'Scratch', a coding programme, and they will be focusing on sequencing in music.

PERSONAL, HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP

During this term in PHSC Year 3 will be looking at the themes of 'dreams & goals followed by 'healthy me'. They will be also exploring their online reputations & online relationships through the scheme project evolve.

SCIENCE

In our first term, we will be looking at the unit named 'A night at the Museum'. The children will be learning how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. Then they will look at fossils and describe them in simple terms on how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Then we will revisit shadows and consolidate our understanding on how shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an object.



NORTHAMPTON PRIMARY
ACADEMY TRUST PARTNERSHIP



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



Park Junior School

Together We Make A Difference

Head Teacher Mr David Tebbutt

Deputy Head Mrs Jenny May



Great Park Street, Wellingborough,
Northamptonshire, NN8 4PH

Tel: 01933 224 501

Fax: 01933 277 976

www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk
head@park-jun.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Also, they will revisit the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival whilst identifying those animals, including humans, and the needs, types and amount of nutrition needed whilst discovering why we cannot make our own food.

After the half term, your child works on a new unit called 'Ready Steady Cook'. Within this unit the children will revisit the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, and its uses. They will explore, predict, and describe magnets as having two poles and whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. They will also observe how magnets attract or repel to each other and attract some materials and not others. They finish this unit with research on the different types of food groups and how they keep us healthy by designing meals based on what they have found out.

HISTORY

We start this term with our exciting history unit called the Romans and their impact on Britain. They will develop an understanding of why the Romans invaded Britain and the impact this had on the people and country. They will begin to be able to name key historical figures from this period and explain their role during this period of history. Also, they will begin to understand how the Romans influenced life in Britain and be able to reflect on the changes to the country after becoming part of the Roman Empire. Our visit to Flag Fen will certainly enhance their understanding of Roman times.

GEOGRAPHY

We start the February term by focusing on our understanding of the key aspects of physical geography and begin to describe how mountains and volcanoes are formed using specific geographical vocabulary. Then the children will focus on why natural disasters, such as volcanoes and earthquakes, happen with a specific focus on Pompeii. The children will extend their knowledge and understanding beyond their local area to locate the world's countries, using maps to focus specifically on some of the countries and capital cities of Europe. They will use maps and atlases to locate the world's volcanoes and earthquakes and will be able to discuss the links between the location of both in relation to the movement of tectonic plates.

RE

This term we are focusing on 'People of God. What is it like to follow God? This unit will be looking at the ideology of Christianity.

FRENCH

The children will be continuing with learning French this term. They will be learning the French for musical instruments and fruits.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be set in the children's Learning Logs, on a diversity of subject areas which have been covered in class. Spellings will continue to be set and sent home on a Friday after the children have had their spelling focus and also, your child needs to be practising their TT Rockstars application and 'tracking their reading' as well.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th February 2025 - Flag Fen (Roman Study - More details will follow shortly).

Finally, if you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Jo Whiting
Terri Baker

Katherine Young
Jemma Woodley



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



Valid 2017-2020
GOLD AWARD