



## Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. This term our topic is Lights, Camera, Action. In which we will be focusing on our end of term production Wonderland, based on Alice in Wonderland. A lot of our wonderful learning will be cross curricular, so based around our topic.

<p><b>Maths</b> We will be focusing on multiplication and division, statistics, fractions and measurements. Some of our Maths will also be linked to our topic, where we will be carrying out some exciting investigations applying our mathematical skills of problem solving and reasoning. Some of the investigations we will be carrying out are: Making our own magical coloured 'Drink Me' liquids, in which we will be measuring capacity. Solving Carroll diagrams using packs of cards, as Lewis Carroll the author of Alice in Wonderland invented the Carroll diagram.  We practise mental maths daily and weekly complete a Maths challenge, if we do well we are mentioned in Celebration Assembly.</p>		<p><b>English</b> In English we start our topics with a cold task, to assess the children's understanding of the genre, before teaching key features and strategies; this will then be assessed at the end of the unit with a hot task. Our focus will be; script writing, narrative writing, writing poems and non chronological texts, some of which will be linked to our topic. We will be applying our compositional skills through our adventure stories where we will be writing an alternative ending to Alice in Wonderland, as well as our poem which will be composed linked to the garden scene in Alice in Wonderland. Grammar will be taught regularly, either as a standalone lesson or integrated into the English lesson. We also complete regular handwriting lessons each week.</p>		
<p><b>Science</b> Year 3 are studying ' Animals including humans' and 'Plants' as well as carrying out lots of practical investigations, where we will be focusing on our scientific enquiry; researching, observing, pattern seeking, carrying out fair tests and identifying and classifying .</p>				
<p><b>Cross Curriculum Learning</b> Art and DT will be taught through our topic Lights, Camera and Action. We will be studying Rene Magritte, a famous surrealist artist, and create our own art work based on his style. In DT we will be making props and scenery for our production, as well as cooking tasty jam tarts. We will regularly have Outdoor Learning, which will often be linked to our topic. This term we will also focus on our year 3/4 production, Wonderland starting with weekly Steps Ahead sessions.</p>				
<p><b>PE</b> Net and Ball Games and Dance</p>	<p><b>RE</b> Why are festivals important to religious communities?</p>	<p><b>French</b> Food</p>	<p><b>Music</b> Year 3 - Violins Learning songs for production</p>	<p><b>ICT</b> Year 3 are focusing on touch typing and email.</p>
<p><b>PSHE Themes</b> Feelings and Relationships and Money</p>		<p><b>Geography</b> We will be learning about the land that surrounds us.</p>		<p><b>Visits</b> A possible backstage tour at a theatre (tbc)</p>
<p><b>Homework:</b> Every other week the children will be expected to complete a section from their cross curriculum homework. They will also be set fortnightly My Maths homework online.</p>			<p><b>General Notices:</b> Pupils may come into school from 8.40am.  They are allowed to bring a water bottle in to class with them.</p>	

The children will also receive weekly spellings and a times table challenge to practise; this is in their home/school book.

They are also expected to read at least 5 times a week.

Homework goes out on a Friday and is due in on a Friday, some pieces fortnightly.

There is a homework club in school on a Monday lunchtime.

**Please encourage your child to:**

- Come into school ready to learn.
- To be in the correct school uniform.
- Be in the classroom by 8.50am.
- Read at home to an adult regularly and record this in the reading record.
- Complete weekly homework, practise timetables and spellings.
- Have the appropriate PE kit in school.
- PE is on a Tuesday
- Dance/ Steps Ahead will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Year 3 and 4. The children will need their PE kits for the Steps Ahead sessions.

Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, via [teacher@hinguar.southend.sch.uk](mailto:teacher@hinguar.southend.sch.uk) or catch the teacher after school once they have seen all the children to their parents.

**Hinguar Star**

If your child remains in the learning zone at school and completes their homework including reading each week, they will receive their Hinguar Star, which will be stamped into their home school book, this will be checked and stamped on a Friday.

**DBS Checked**

If you have been DBS checked and have an hour or two to spare each week, please let us know if you would like to come and help in class with reading or other activities.

**Key Events**

14.2.19 Whole School International Dimensions Day - Buddhist Monk to visit the school (bring a cushion to school today).

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April AM and PM and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April -Performances of Wonderland to our parents.