

English



In English this half-term, the children will be writing diary entries from a variety of character perspectives. They will be building on year 3 writing skills such as using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, subordinating conjunctions.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English: Ask your child about grammar at school and how they would use this. Discuss the use of diaries at home.

Science



Our science topic for this half-term is magnets and forces. The children will be very hands on to develop their scientific enquiry skills. We will be taking part in practical enquiries including a light workshop with an expert.

Extra Information

PE: Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure children are wearing correct PE kit and no jewellery on these days (earrings can be taped up at home if needed).

Water Bottles: Please ensure that your child brings sufficient water for the whole school day. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Merits: In Year 3, the week for merits will run Thursday to Thursday. The spelling test and maths test for Year 3 will be conducted on a Thursday and this is when adults will stamp the learning logs.

Year 3 Learning Overview Spring One



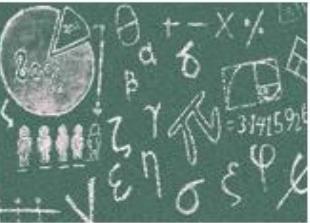
Trips and Experiences

The children will visit the National Gallery and then watch The Nutcracker at the Coliseum Theatre on 8th January. Please look carefully at the letter for this to see the timings for dropping and collecting from Upminster Station.

On February we are visiting the Natural History Museum on to support and enhance our geography learning.

More information to follow on Parentmail.

Maths



In Maths this half-term, we will be studying multiplication and division. This will include reinforcing our times tables and looking at formal methods such as chunking and column multiplication. Children in year 3 are expected to know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times table at speed.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's maths: Please encourage your child to go on Times Table Rock Stars. Quiz your children every day on the multiplication and division facts.

Topic



Our topic for this half-term is Earthquakes and volcanoes. This will be a geography topic. We will learn about how they occur and their effects. Children will have a chance to complete mapwork and use a variety of geography skills.



Spellings & maths homework will be sent home in the learning log every Friday. Please work with your child to learn these vital skills.