Bowlee Park Community School
Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2025

This is the Autumn term curriculum newsletter for Year 3. It sets out what your child will learn over the term. We hope you find it useful.

Mathematics

In Maths, children are focusing on place value of numbers within 1,000 using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations. We will learn to identify the value of each digit in a number, as well as ordering and comparing.

We will then be working on addition and subtraction with three digit numbers. Children will learn the formal written method for addition and subtraction.

After half term, we will look at multiplication and division. Children will build upon their understanding of equal groups and arrays before recapping multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

We will also be revisiting and embedding fluency of number bonds to 20. Then we will introduce the 2 times tables.

English

In writing, we will be developing our understanding of the features of character descriptions, narratives and instructions. We will be focusing on accurately punctuating sentences, forming letters correctly and ensuring our sentences are coherent. We will also explore poetry and produce our own poems.

In grammar, we will be extending our sentences with co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, learning how to use apostrophes for contraction and possession and commas in lists.

In class, we are using 'whole class comprehension' to support children with this fluency and to develop their understanding. The children will read a range of genres and comprehension questions types. They will be taught strategies to answer each.
It is extremely important that children continue to read aloud to their parents each night for at least 20 minutes.

History

In History, children will learn about The Stone Age. They will use timelines to learn identify these periods of history, explore the features of each era and make comparisons. They will learn about artefacts and archaeologists and begin to look at secondary sources of evidence.

Geography

In Geography, we will be answering the question: "Why lives in Antarctica?"

We will be looking at the climate zones, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, longitude and latitude lines and Shackleton's expedition. We will also recognise and describe features on an aerial map of our school.

Maths Badges

During this term, children are expected to keep working on their number bonds badges up to 20. We will also be focusing on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in preparation for the purple badge.

Computing

In ICT, children will be learning about word processing, the importance of e-safety. They will also begin programming.

P.E.

In PE, children will be looking at dodgeball, tennis and athletics including practising the fundamental skills required for theses sports and events. They will also look at leadership skills as well as creating their own game.

Science

During the first half term, our topic is Animals including Humans. Children will learn the key functions of the skeleton and label some of the bones. Additionally, we will describe a vertebrate, invertebrate, endoskeleton and exoskeleton. We will also learn about the different nutrient groups, name foods that are good sources of them and describe why they are needed in our bodies. After half term, our topic will be Forces and Magnets. Children will define a force and describe the relationship between friction and the roughness of a surface. They will then identify examples of types of magnets and compare their strengths. As well as predicting attraction and repulsion between like and opposite poles. Throughout, children will create their own scientific questions, identify key variables and draw conclusions from their results.

Music

In Music, children will learn to blend sounds, sing clearly, pay attention to matching pitch, dynamics and tempo and sing with good clear diction and breath control.

R.E.

In RE, we will be exploring what it is like for someone to follow God. We will be spending time learning about the Old Testament and looking at several texts that link to these stories. Additionally, we will consider why following God might sometimes feel hard for believers.

French

We will be starting our French language learning by introducing greeting, numbers and colours.

Homework

Maths – TTRS. Children must complete 15 minutes of practise by Friday.
English – LBQ. Set Thursday and due in the following Thursday.
Spelling -Reading Record and Spelling shed - set on Monday and is due in the following Friday.

Reading

In Year 3, children need to read for 20 minutes every day at home.

Please sign your child's log daily.

P.E.

Our PE days are:

3.1 Tuesday & Wednesday

3.2 Tuesday & Thursday

3.3 Tuesday & Wednesday

3.4 Wednesday & Friday

Online Learning

We have several online learning programmes:
- My Maths
- TT Rockstars
- Spelling Shed
- Grammar Shed
- LBQ

The login details and passwords will be in your child's reading log.

If you would like further information about the school curriculum please look on the school website under 'Key Information' then 'Curriculum.'