

Topics to be studied during Year 3 will include:

Autumn Term

The Rocking Stone Age: We will delve into Britain's past, finding out what life was like from the Stone Age until the Iron Age. We will explore the archaeological evidence and create our own cave art. We will also investigate the characteristics of rocks and soils.

BIPS (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka): We will develop an understanding about life in Asia, comparing and contrasting lifestyles in these countries with that of our own. We will also develop an understanding of Hindu beliefs and customs.

Spring Term

Ancient Greece: We will investigate artefacts and evidence to learn about people's beliefs and daily lives in Ancient Greece. Using clay, we will create and decorate our own Greek pots.

France: This topic will include a geographical comparison of France and the UK. We will also be continuing learning French, studying artists from France (such as Matisse) and even cooking some French food!

Summer Term

Pirates: An exploration of the legendary history of pirates, including writing pirate adventure stories and ships logs. We also make winding mechanisms and enjoy singing sea shanties in music.

Natural environment: We will investigate what helps plants to grow and will test our green fingers both outside and in ICT by creating a virtual garden.

Year 3

Information



2016/2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3 and we hope your child has a great year. This booklet is designed to introduce you to some important information about the year ahead, so that you can help your child to settle in and have a really positive year. Please have a look at our website where you will find further information and updates about what is happening in school: www.queenemmaschool.org.uk

Our Year 3 Team

Miss Wilkins teaches Macaw class (3.2) and Mrs Ouroussoff teaches Toucan class (3.1). For half a day a week, Macaw class are taught by Mrs Irons and Toucan Class by Mrs Wyard while Miss Wilkins and Mrs Ouroussoff have time away from the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment. The other adults working in the Year 3 team are Miss Vercoe, Mrs Keate, Miss Bacon and Mr Grey.

Homework

In Year 3, the children have homework each week for literacy and maths, both of which will be based on what the children have been learning at school. This will be given out on Fridays and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday the following week. House points will be awarded for effort. Spelling words are also given out on Fridays and will be tested on the following Thursday. Please do let us know if you would like further guidance on helping your child with their homework.

Reading books

Book bags need to be brought in every day and your child may change their book whenever they have finished. Please could you find time during the week to hear your child read and comment in the reading record. We are happy for the children to write comments about the book they are reading too.

Drinks and Snacks

Please bring in a named water bottle, so that your child can have a drink during the school day. If they get hungry mid-morning, they can also bring in a piece of fruit to eat at playtime. KS1 fruit time does not continue in Year 3.

PE

Please could the children have their PE kit in school all week, in case lessons have to be swapped. Children should have a plain white round neck T-shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls, as well as black jogging bottoms and suitable trainers for outdoor PE.

Please name all clothing and shoes. We generally discourage the wearing of jewellery and for safety reasons only stud earrings may be worn. All children with pierced ears must remove their earrings before participating in sport.

Behaviour, Achievements and Responsibility

The children are expected to try their best in all aspects of school life, both individually and in a team. They have been put in house teams and can earn points for their house by working hard and, having a positive attitude. We will also be awarding certificates in a Monday assembly for children who have shown that they can challenge themselves while learning, persevere, work well in a team and focus and concentrate.

Parent Helpers are most welcome!

Please let us know if you would be able to spend some time listening to readers, either occasionally or regularly. This opportunity for additional reading helps the children to become more confident readers and we can really see the difference!

We look forward to working together with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Wilkins

Mrs F Ouroussoff