

Primary 3 Curriculum Overview

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Literacy



Reading

In Primary 3 your child will be encouraged to develop their love of books. Pupils will have many opportunities to hear the teacher model reading and they will also participate in shared reading sessions involving a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. The reading schemes, Oxford Reading Tree, Big Cat and Rigby Star will be the main texts used during guided reading lessons. Your child will work with the teacher regularly during the week in a small group setting and the above banded books will be used as a teaching resource to build up their sight vocabulary and develop a range of strategies to identify unfamiliar words. The children will also interpret and discuss these texts using a range of both oral and written comprehension skills. They will begin to read aloud with expression in response to print variations and punctuation. Allocating time each night for your child to read aloud and talk about their book is invaluable and will benefit their progress greatly. The children are encouraged to read a variety of books at home for pleasure. They also have access to a wide range of books in class to read for enjoyment purposes. If your child is reluctant to read try using their interests to ignite their interest in reading e.g. magazines about computer games, books about animals or dinosaurs, instructions on how to build a model, comics and adventure stories. You may also wish to consider becoming a member of the local library.



Jolly Phonics



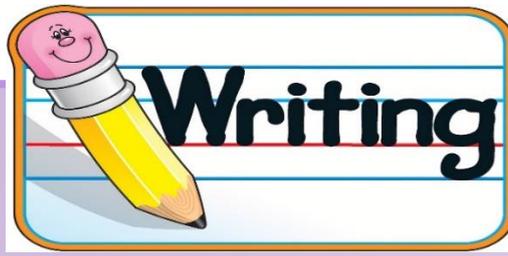
The children will continue to consolidate the 42 letter sounds taught in the Foundation Stage. They will focus on vowel digraphs e.g. **oa**, **ee** and look at alternative ways to record vowel sounds. For example, the long 'o' sound can be made using **oa**, **ow** or the split digraph **o_e**. Children are also taught core concepts of grammar and punctuation through this programme. They will be introduced to nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. They will look at plural endings and alphabetical order. They will develop basic sentence structure. The pupils' spelling homework will include words with the focus sound of the week as well as high frequency words.



Talking and Listening



Primary 3 pupils will be given many opportunities to listen and respond appropriately to a range of stimuli, including multimedia. They will develop the length of time that they can listen attentively and be able to express themselves with increasing clarity and confidence. They will develop an understanding of social conventions in conversations. The pupils will participate in talking and listening activities in all other areas of the curriculum. They will talk about their own personal experiences and interests during Circle Time and Hot Seat sessions. Pupils will be encouraged to speak clearly and audibly to a range of audiences e.g. during paired activities, whole class discussions and special assemblies. They will take part in role play during activity-based learning sessions.



In Primary 3 the children will write for a variety of purposes and audiences. Different genres of writing will be introduced through modelled, shared and guided lessons and will lead to pupils producing independent pieces of work, including composing onscreen.

We focus on three genres during the year and through the use of a wide range of examples the children become familiar and can analyse the features of each text type. They are then able to include these in their own work.

Report: Use a title, opening statement, a series of facts and a concluding statement.

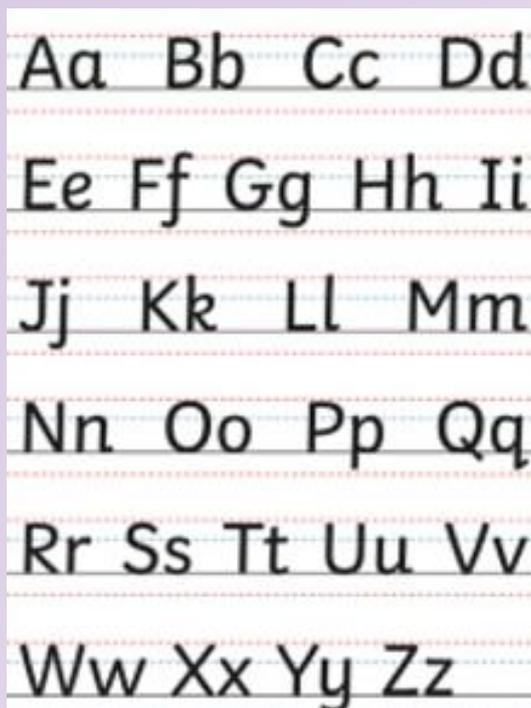
Instructional: Use a title, purpose, bossy verbs at the beginning, put in chronological order including time connectives where appropriate.

Recount: Use a title, specific participants, put events in chronological order and use past tense and time connectives.

The pupils will also have many opportunities for creative writing such as poems, letters and lists etc.

Handwriting

The children will continue to develop their control of the size, shape and position of letters using lined paper as a guide. The correct formation of lower and uppercase letters introduced through the Jolly Phonics Programme will continue to be encouraged.





Mental Maths

In Primary 3 pupils will:

- develop **quick recall** of addition and subtraction facts of all numbers to at least 10 and all pairs of numbers with a total of 20 e.g. $12+8$.
- learn all pairs of multiples of 10 with a total of 100 e.g. $40+60$ and doubles and halves of all numbers to $10+10$. They will initially be given the support of a hundred square to mentally calculate the addition and subtraction of numbers within 100.
- start to develop and use strategies for mental calculations for counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s up to 100
- use knowledge that addition can be done in any order and that it is more efficient to put the larger number first
- use partitioning to add two 2-digit numbers
e.g. $43 + 21$ $40 + 20 = 60$ $3 + 1 = 4$ so $60 + 4 = 64$
or $43 + 21$ $43 + 20 = 63$ $63 + 1 = 64$
- identify near doubles by using doubles already known e.g. $8 + 9$
- add and subtract 9, 11 and 19, 21 by adding/subtracting 10 and 20 respectively and adjusting by 1.
- use patterns of similar calculations e.g. $7 + 2 = 9$ so $17 + 2 = 19$
- work out change by counting on.



Understanding number

The children will:

- explore, sequence, read and write numbers up to 100.
- develop an understanding of place value, grouping numbers into tens and units.
- recognise odd and even numbers within 100.
- be introduced to simple fractions - $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Record addition and subtraction sums horizontally and they will also understand the use of a symbol to identify a missing number e.g. $45 + \square = 49$.
- explore different ways for paying exact amounts within 5p, 10p, 20p and, 50p progressing to £1.
- calculate shopping bills to £1 and work out change from 50p. Receiving (and spending) pocket money can make children very keen learners in this area! Pupils who have experience handling money during shopping trips demonstrate increased confidence.



Shape and Space

Encourage your child to look for shapes in their environment. By the end of P.3 they should be able to recognise, name and describe:

2D shapes- circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon and octagon

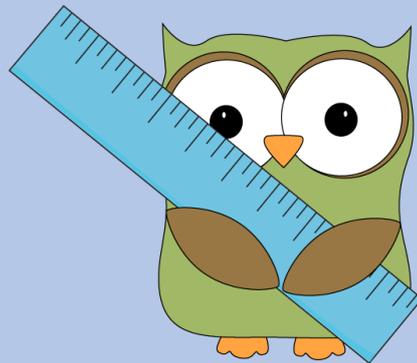
3D shapes- cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, cone and pyramid



Measurement

Children will initially measure using non-standard units. As they gradually appreciate the need for standard units, kilograms, litres and metres will be introduced. Getting your child to help with cooking and washing up can be a great way to help them practise their measuring.

Telling the time can be an area that some children struggle with so ensuring that there are both traditional analogue and digital clocks around the house can be very beneficial. Your child should be able to tell the time in quarter hours on both types of clock.



Handling Data

Opportunities will be given for pupils to collect, organise and discuss data displayed in venn, carroll or tree diagrams, pictograms and block graphs. The children will also use simple tallying to record data on frequency tables.

Encourage your child to practise their maths skills in everyday life.

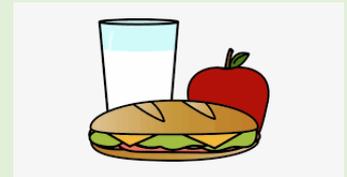


Topics

The World Around Us, The Arts and PDMU are taught through topic work and activity-based learning activities. The Primary 3 themes include:



I'm Special/School is cool
Whatever the Weather
The First Christmas
Food Glorious Food
Let's Celebrate
Easter Eggstravaganza
Reduce Reuse Recycle



The children are involved in the planning process at the beginning of each topic and therefore the precise activities can vary from year to year depending on what the children already know and what they would be interested in finding out. However, the skills involved remain the same and the pupils will be provided with opportunities to observe and collect data, identify similarities and differences, recognise a fair test, use maps, use tools and materials to design and make and sequence events in chronological order. They will learn about personal hygiene and how keep healthy and safe in their environment.

The pupils often enjoy taking books, photographs and items from home that are connected to our topics and we would encourage them to do so, as these can enhance our lessons and provide pupils with opportunities for 'Show and Tell.'

The children participate in monthly art competitions and use a variety of media, materials and tools. They view and appreciate the work of artists and use these as a starting point for their own work.

In addition to activities connected to their topic work, the pupils also sing and perform during their Christmas Production and services in the chapel.



Religion

This programme aims to help children mature in relation to their spiritual, moral and religious lives, through their encounter with, exploration and celebration of the Catholic faith. The pupils will make their First Confession this year. The Grow in Love scheme helps prepare the children through a wide range of stories, poems and songs and activities. The children will be taught the following prayers in Primary 3

Prayer for Forgiveness

O my God,
Help me to remember the times when
I didn't live as Jesus asked me to.
Help me to be sorry and to try again.
Amen.

Act of Sorrow

O my God, I thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for all my sins.
For not loving others and not loving you.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.
Amen.



Prayer after Forgiveness

O my God, thank you for forgiving me.
Help me to love others.
Help me to live as Jesus asked me to.
Amen

Physical Education

Through participation in P.E the pupils will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills. They will be encouraged to recognise the relationship between physical activity and good health. In Primary 3 the children will be given the opportunity to experience a balance of the 4 activity areas:

Athletics- running/walking, jumping and throwing

Dance- many of the dance activities will be linked directly to music and drama

Games- sending, receiving and travelling

Gymnastics- simple control and movement



ICT

Pupils are enabled to develop their ICT skills through activities in all curricular areas. They will use specified websites and Apps to find, select and use information. They will explore and interact with digital devices e.g input instructions to make Beebot move along a pathway. Software such as 2 Create a Story, 2 Publish, Word, Pages, Photostory and Colour Magic will be used to create or import images, compose text and add voiceovers. The children will start to edit text onscreen. They will navigate familiar programs and become increasingly independent when communicating digitally. As well as participating in the annual Safer Internet Day the pupils will complete a series of lessons to ensure that they can demonstrate appropriate knowledge and understanding of e-safety including acceptable online activity. Tips and advice to help keep your child safe online can be found on the websites below:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.saferinternet.org.uk

Term 1 Focus – Film and Animation

Term 2 Focus – Presenting

Term 3 Focus – Publishing





Useful websites!

www.purplemash.com/stmacnissi

The school has purchased a subscription for all pupils to use this website. Your child will be given a personal username and password to access at home. Supports learning throughout the curriculum.

www.topmarks.co.uk

Supports learning throughout the curriculum. Pupils particularly enjoy 'Hit The Button' which helps develop quick recall of number facts.

www.ictgames.com

Consolidates learning in numeracy and literacy. Very useful games for reinforcing counting, ordering and sequencing numbers to 100 and beyond.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Pupils can access a free eBook collection, suitable for all abilities and all books are tablet friendly.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p

A wide range of activities to support learning across the curriculum

Numeracy Apps

Math Bingo

What time is it Mr. Wolf?

Bee Bot

Number Bonds

Operation Math

Math Board

Literacy Apps

Twinkl Phonics Suite

Word Bingo

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Super Speller

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