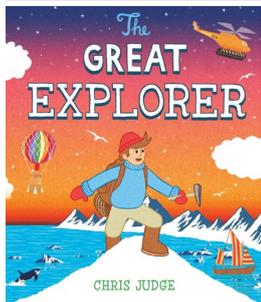


# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 3 Term 1 2021/22

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you all had a great break and have come back ready and focussed for the school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year. In Year 3, you have Miss Gilbert and Miss Allan working with us every day. Miss Forde will work with us once every two weeks (on a Monday). It is important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading diaries and books and a coat** every day! We will be using diamond power to keep ourselves organised and independent this term. Please continue to log in to ClassDojo where you will be able to see the amazing learning taking place in and outside of our classroom.

### Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'The Great Explorer' which was written by Chris Judge. We will be focussing on description and features of a narrative throughout the term.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on using a range of punctuation and noun phrases.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including identifying unfamiliar words and scanning a text to find information, retrieving information as well as developing and consolidating their phonics knowledge.

### Mathematicians



For this term our maths unit is place value. We will look at the value of numbers up to 1,000 including comparing and

ordering them, as well as looking at adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100. We will also continue to develop our multiplication facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising these with your child. Your child should have a log in to 'Times Tables Rockstars' and it would be great to see children practising this at home. Let me know if you need any support with this.

### Scientists

### Geographers



In Science, the children will study the Forces, friction and magnets. Children will continue to use their working scientifically skills to answer and ask key questions. The children will carry out their own investigation where they will investigate the effect of different materials on friction, particularly focussing on how they can keep their experiment fair.



This term we will learn about the Arctic and Antarctica, linking to our class story-

The Great Explorer. The children will spend time locating these places on a map and identifying their differences and similarities. We will discuss the wildlife, plants and animals that live on Antarctica and in the Arctic circle.

### Kindness in the Classroom



Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is **respect**. We will be thinking about what it means to treat things, people and places with respect and kindness. We will be reading some stories and looking at different scenarios and thinking about how we can act respectfully. Every week, one child will be awarded a certificate showing how they have used their Kindness in the Classroom skills.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching multi-skills to our class every **Thursday**. Miss Gilbert will be following our Real PE with us on a **Wednesday** afternoon. This term we will focus on teamwork strategies and communication.



We are continuing to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have twenty spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday morning.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set 'Timestables Rockstars' activities for them to access online at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for **20 minutes every day**. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please contact myself through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Gilbert