



Year 2023-24
Year 3 Spring Term Learning



Throughout the Spring Term, we will be covering two topics – Dinosaurs and Fossils in Spring Term 1 and Food and Farming in Spring Term 2

Key Dates:

Thursday 11th January – Dujardin Class Assembly
Monday 19th February – Non-pupil day

Thursday 25th January – Whitlock Class Assembly
Week beginning 19th February – Safety Week

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day



How you can help: Reading, times tables and spellings are the main areas you can make a huge difference with at home, and these are what we expect the children to complete as homework each week. Reading books are changed when the children are ready to change their books in school and they will have online app called Boom Reader to track their reading at home. Children are still using the Renaissance Reading program. Children should try to read with an adult every day; a good guide is 30 mins per day. It is even more helpful if you can ask them questions about what they have been reading, or to predict what they think will happen next. The children will also bring home Read, Write, Inc book bag books from their RVI groups if they attend these. These can also be logged on the Boom Reader app. Some children have now moved onto Reading Comprehension lessons.

Each week, your child will be given a list of spellings for their age group. They are tested once a week, on a Friday. You can really support your child by helping them to learn their spellings at home. A few minutes each evening or as you are walking to or from school will make all the difference.

Each week, the children will have a short times table test and when they have completed three of these with only a few errors, they will move onto their next times table. When they have learnt up to the 12x table, they will have a grid format which helps them remember all their tables. Children have access to a website called Times table Rockstars and it helps them to practice their tables in an engaging way.

PE

The children will continue to participate in PE sessions each week. Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. The children have an indoor session and will also be going outside. They will need suitable outside kit including trainers or plimsolls. School PE kit is a yellow t-shirt, black or blue shorts, clean socks and trainers or plimsolls. Earrings must be removed for PE by the child, or not worn to school on that day please.



Religious Education

All year groups study a range of religious beliefs in a knowledge capacity. In terms 3 and 4, we will explore festivals and worship for Muslims and festivals and family life for Jewish people.



If you have any questions or would like more information about how to support your child's learning, please call or email the school office on 01752 775478 or oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk and the class teacher will return your call when they are free.





MATHS

In Maths we will complete a unit of work about multiplication and division where children will build on their previous knowledge from last term as well as the skills they developed in Key Stage 1. Children will also learn about length and perimeter, developing their practical maths skills.



ART

The children will be learning about sculpture and creating their own mod-roc dinosaur.



ENGLISH - Writing

We will be completing a unit about narratives where children will use their imagination to create their own stories to engage the reader. This has cross-curricular links with our science theme which will support children in both subjects.

TERM 3: Dinosaurs and Fossils

Book: Mungo and the Dinosaur Island

SCIENCE

The children will continue their learning around different types of rocks which they found fascinating in the Autumn Term. This term, we will be focusing on fossils found in sedimentary rocks. Practical activities will allow children to become archaeologists in the classroom and learn about how dinosaurs adapted to their environment.



ENGLISH – Reading

The children will continue with daily Read, Write, Inc or reading comprehension sessions.



PSHE

The children will be learning about different types of families and what makes a family.



ENGLISH

The children will be learning about the features of an explanation text before writing their own.

They will then be re-visiting creative writing used for narratives.

SCIENCE

We will be completing a unit called 'Food and Farming' all about where our food comes from, with a focus on plants and what they need to survive.



TERM 4: Food and Farming

Book: Seeds to Bread

COMPUTING

The children will continue to use ICT across the curriculum. We will also be completing National Online Safety units about online reputation.



MATHS

In Maths, lessons during this term, the children will be learning about fractions through practical activities using manipulatives. They will be applying their measuring skills to a mass and capacity unit during the second part of this term.



PSHE

What makes a community? This links to British Values.

DT

Cooking and nutrition – To prepare a meal based on seasonality.