



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter 2016



Firstly, I would like to say a massive hello and welcome to year 3 at Sir John Sherbrooke. I have been extremely impressed with how well all of the children have settled in and their behaviour and attitude towards school has been amazing. I feel like we have a great year ahead of us.

As you may know, the current curriculum has raised the expectation of what children should be able to achieve by the end of year 3. With these raised expectations, your child will be required to work at a higher level than in previous years, however please be assured that we will continue to support your child and are setting them the appropriate challenges for their learning needs. My aim is to provide your child with a creative, challenging and engaging curriculum, which will allow them to achieve their very best. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know your children and if you wish to speak to me regarding your child please do not hesitate in doing so.

Miss Maddison

Curriculum Focus

The work undertaken this term will mainly focus around our Victorians topic. In year 3 we aim to teach a creative curriculum which engages the children, makes the learning relevant to them and helps them to become the best they can be. We really appreciated parent's support and if you have the time, we would love you to come and spend time in our creative classroom and look at the amazing work the children are starting to produce. Please feel free to discuss / research this term's topic with your children at home.

English

This term's English will revolve around different Victorian based books and authors. The children will be writing a range of different text types, including diaries, newspapers, poems, descriptions and fact files.

Maths

Maths is split up into block units. The first unit will be on exploring place value. The second unit will be addition and subtraction.

Computing

This term we will be studying photography and digital programming. Both these units will involve developing computer and ipad skills. We will also work on typing skills.

Science

This term's science focus will be Electricity and Sound.

Topic

Every term your child's topic will involve Art/DT, RE, PSHE, Geography/History. This term's topic theme is **The Victorians**.

PE Lessons take place on the following days: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please make sure your child brings their kit into school on a Monday and leaves it in the classroom until the Friday. Swimming will start later on this term. We are also lucky to have a professional handball coach coming to teach year 3 for four weeks, on Wednesday afternoons.

WOW Moments

- Year 3 and 4 had an amazing and messy day experiencing what it would have been like for Victorian children who were sent out to work. They swept chimneys, worked the factory line, scared the birds away on the farm and learnt how to sew and clean boots as maids.
- Well done to Abigail who completed the Roald Dahl summer reading challenge.

For more WOW moments, please see the photos on the back of this newsletter.

Please let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school, so we can all celebrate in their WOW moments.

Dates to Remember

- Monday 3rd October**
3M Class Assembly 3pm
- Wednesday 5th October**
Family Art Afternoon
- Friday 4th November**
Family Bonfire Lunch (all welcome)
- 7th and 8th November**
Parents' Evenings
- Friday 18th November**
Starbooks Café (before school)
- Wednesday 14th December**
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Show (evening show)

A LITTLE NOTE

As we embark on this new term, we are hoping that some parents or grandparents could spare some time to help with reading and other activities such as cooking, sewing and art. If you are able to help please would you let Miss Maddison know. We appreciate any help whether this is weekly or just as a one off.

Please make sure your child brings their reading folder, with books and personal organiser, to school **every day**. They may read on extra days as well as in their guided reading group. It is important that the children continue to work on their target of reading at home to an adult **3 times a week, more if possible**. Their reading diaries will be checked every Friday and house points will be awarded to those children who have completed their reading, times tables and spelling homework.

Reading books are banded by colour which allows the children to select books which are appropriate for their age and reading ability. Children will be assessed on their comprehension of the text as well as their ability to read the words when being given their book colour.

HOMEWORK

Weekly – using personal organisers

- Read with an adult at least 3 times a week.
- Practice their times tables – in and out of order and division facts.
- Learn their spellings – these will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Other

Extra homework will be given out throughout the term, but only if the teacher feels it is needed.