



# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! We are very pleased to welcome you and your children to our new school. This letter aims to provide an indication of the areas of the curriculum covered this term in Year 3.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Below is a brief summary of the curriculum that the Year 3 pupils will be following in each of their main subjects.

### MATHEMATICS

Children will begin by consolidating their learning from Year 2 before going on to learn Year 3 specific objectives. These include: comparing and partitioning 3-digit numbers; counting up to and back from 100 in multiples of 5 and 10; number bonds to 20 and beyond; classifying and describing 2D shapes; identifying lines of symmetry; measuring length in m and cm. In our *Learn Its* sessions, we will recap the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and move on to the 3 times table.

### ENGLISH

This will include speaking and listening, reading and writing. We will be following the *Letters and Sounds* phonics program where the children will reinforce how to blend and segment correctly. During our *Literacy Workshop* time, we will develop reading and comprehension skills in small group sessions. In grammar lessons, we will focus on expanded noun phrases and adverbs, and in spelling we will look at suffixes and prefixes. Our purpose for writing will be an autobiographical profile of ourselves including descriptive writing, poetry and a non-chronological report.

### THEME

*A Picture of Me* – As part of our cross-curricular approach, the children will be celebrating who they are and what they bring to our class team. This topic allows the children and teachers to become more aware of themselves and others. They will be looking at their life journey from birth to Hong Kong, thinking about their special talents and setting targets for the coming year.

### SCIENCE

Children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they get this from what they eat. We will learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



## MANDARIN

Children will be following the “Picture of Me” theme in their Mandarin Lessons. Although Mandarin is streamed in to 3 groups all children will be taught skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. In Year 3 children will continue to explore these skills through songs and stories. There will be a greater emphasis on sentence structure, grammar and reading comprehension.

Pathway 1 pupils will be learning basic greetings and terms, they will introduce themselves in Mandarin and express their favourite colours and foods. E.g. “你好！我叫xxx。我六岁，我上二年级。我喜欢红色和蓝色。我最喜欢的食物是炒面”

Pathway 2 pupils will be learning to introduce themselves, talk about their likes and dislikes and describe their hobbies and interests.

Pathway 3 pupils will be describing themselves in detail, and learning to use pronouns to describe their family and friends. Pupils will write short paragraphs introducing themselves and their family.

## MUSIC

This half term we will be exploring the theme ‘A Picture of Me’ through action songs relating to the body. Students will sing in a two-part ensemble, and will develop their use of pitch, melody, harmony and vocal control whilst developing their understanding of staff notation. *Miss Rowan*

## ART

For the “Picture of Me” theme pupils will be investigating the use of colour and pattern in order to create a Pointillist self-portrait inspired by the artist Seurat. *Mrs Pate*

## DRAMA

Year 3 are working on a series of physical theatre exercises to explore how we use our body language to communicate our emotions. *Miss. Bovingdon*

## PE

Pupils will be following a unit of speed/agility/quickness that will develop their fundamental sporting movements. Pupils will be able to make a connection between movements and major sporting activities. *PE Team*

Your child’s PE days are:

3A – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

3B – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

3C – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

3D – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday



#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please ensure every item of clothing, lunch box and water bottle is clearly labeled with your child's name. Thank you for sending a healthy snack and water with your child for playtime. Water can be filled from water fountains in the school. Hats are very important in the summer heat and there is a 'No hat, no play' policy so please make sure they are in your child's rucksack. Please add any comments you would like to make in the Pupil Planner and make sure it comes to school every day.

Homework will be sent out on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. This homework will be a 30 minute task and will be English, Maths or Theme. There will also be a weekly Spelling Test and a short daily Maths *Learn Its* task. We expect your child to read for 20 minutes a day and please write what your child has read, along with any comments, in the Pupil Planner.

All classes have agreed upon a set of Classroom Promises and marbles are awarded to pupils for correctly following school and classroom rules. The children work individually and as a class to earn rewards for their good behaviour. In the near future, all children will be allocated a house (Balmoral, Windsor, Sandringham, Caernarfon) and they will have further opportunities to earn House Points.

You can contact the Year 3 team by sending an email; we welcome any correspondence with parents. Our contact details are below. We look forward to meeting you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely,  
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