

Y3 Spring Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you've all had a peaceful and restful holiday.

We have been so impressed with how the Y3 children have settled in at Dobcroft and we are looking forward to another term!

We have lots of exciting topics coming up, including making purses in D&T and also learning about forces and magnets in Science.

Y4 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y3EF	Miss Fee	Mrs Scriven Miss Robinson Miss Vintin
Y3J	Miss Jackson	Miss McLelland Mrs Francis Miss Robinson Mrs Davies
Y3JF	Mr Frampton	Miss Myers Mrs Lui

Staff are always available on the yard just before the school day begins or just after school when we dismiss the children for quick messages. To discuss any worries or concerns, please contact your child's classteacher via teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.

Spring Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 3 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key Learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Spring 1

English	Narrative – adventure stories (Flat Stanley)
Whole Class Reading	Non-fiction (Rivers) Fiction (Michael Rosen poetry)
Maths	Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division
Times tables focus	2 and 5 times tables
Science	Forces and magnets
History or Geography	Mountains and rivers
Art or DT	Design and make a purse
Computing	Communicating media: How can I use the computer as a musician?
Personal Development	Do families stay the same?
Music	Exploring tempo, dynamics, pitch, timbre - Glockenspiels
French	Colours
RE	Prayer
PE – Games	Handball
PE	Ancient Greek Dance

Spring 2

English	Narrative – Ancient Greek Myths
Whole Class Reading	Fiction – Greek Myths Fiction – The Boy Who Grew Dragons
Maths	Multiplication and Division
Times tables focus	5 times tables
History or Geography	Ancient Greece
Art or DT	Greek Vases
Computing	Programming
Personal Development	How do I keep my body healthy?
Music	Exploring tempo, dynamics, pitch, timbre - Glockenspiels.
French	Colours
RE	Prayer
PE – Games	Hockey
PE	Athletics

Assessments this term: We will have end of term assessments during Spring 2. This process will inform class teachers of any gaps, allowing us to plan relevant lessons and interventions.

Y3 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
21st January	Y3EF visit Broomcroft Care Home
14th February	Break up for February half term and dress down day
24th February	Return to school
25th February	Y3EF visit Broomcroft Care Home
5th March & 6th March	Book Fayre
6th March	World Book Day
20th March	Y3EF parent assembly
25th March & 26th March	Parents` Evening
25th March	Y3JF visit Broomcroft Care Home
28th March	Break up

Home Learning

Every Friday, we will communicate home learning via ClassDojo. Homework comprises of a maths, comprehension or SPaG activity plus spelling, times tables and reading. Home learning books should be returned to school every Wednesday.

Weekly spellings will be posted alongside a half termly overview. Children should practice regularly / little and often through the week.

Children should be reading as much as possible at home. **They must have their reading records signed three times a week by an adult at home please.** Reading records should be in school everyday. (Top Tip - store them in school rucksacks!)

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternate **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.**

During this time, your child will be taught French, Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Miss McCreedy – French

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities.

During the Spring term, the children will be making purses as part of their D&T topic. All Year 3 classes will be asking for adult volunteers to help us. A message will be sent on Dojo with further info. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the care home visits (please see the dates listed above).

P.E Days

Class	PE Days
Y3EF	Wednesday
Y3J	Monday
Y3JF	Wednesday

Games

Every two out of three weeks, each class will also have a games PE slot on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on the relevant days.