

Computing

- We will be focussing on the basic computing skills needed for word processing, such as fonts, colour and size, copy, cut and paste, bullet points, aligning and inserting and editing images. We will also find out how to use Google Classroom and Times Table Rock Stars.

PSHE

- Our first unit is called 'Being Me in my World' and will include discussions and activities based on personal goals, rules, rights and consequences, responsibilities and seeing things from others' perspectives.

Art

- Colour mixing and creating a colour wheel.
- Looking at the art movement 'Fauvism' and creating our own landscapes in this style.

DT

- Exploring pneumatics and making our own 'Moving Monsters'



Maths

- Daily main lessons as well as short fluency sessions.
- Our focus this term is on place value for 3 digit numbers and addition and subtraction using both mental and written methods.
- Using a range of resources to help develop your understanding.
- Lots of opportunity to talk about your methods and reasoning.
- We will continue the Maths Challenge which the children started in year 2. This helps to develop and consolidate essential skills such as number bonds, doubling and halving and times tables. Maths challenge day will be Tuesdays.

Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3 everyone!

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term!



Spanish

We are very lucky to welcome Ms Fernandez to Panshanger. Ms Fernandez is a Spanish native who has been teaching in Spain. She will deliver Spanish lessons every Monday morning.



Music

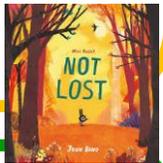
- Securing the ability to hear, understand and identify pitches do, re, mi and introducing singing games to prepare for learning so and la.

Science

- Our Rocks, Fossils & Soils topic will include investigating the properties of rocks and soils.
- Finding out about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.
- Learning about the life of Mary Anning who discovered an ichthyosaur in Dorset!
- We will explore how fossils are formed and will have a go at making some of our own!

English

- Story writing based on the picture book 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost' by John Bond. This will also include writing an alternative adventure story of your own.
- Writing and performing a poem based on 'The Magic Box' by Kit Writing.
- Daily phonics in school and home spellings.
- Handwriting to practise joining letters.



Geography

- We will find out all about volcanoes, including the layers of the earth, how volcanoes are formed, why they erupt and where they are found, We will also look at the different types of volcanoes and some of the world's most dangerous ones!

RE

- We will study the religion of Islam; finding out about Mohammad, the Qur'an and how Muslims live.
- We will also be considering ideas about God/Allah in Islam and Christianity, as well as exploring religious stories and symbolism in Christianity.

PE

- Ball handling activities to develop skills in throwing and catching and working as a team.
- A dance unit inspired by the Solar System

Reminders

PE will usually be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You will need both an indoor and outdoor kit. If your trainers have laces, please make that you can tie and undo them yourself. If girls are wearing tights, please remember socks. If possible, it is best not to wear earrings on PE days, otherwise these must be covered with tape brought in from home.



Equipment

Please make sure that all clothing is named, including coats and PE kits. PE kits should be in a named drawstring bag. PE trainers should also be kept in this bag (or a separate one if needed). If you are bringing a bag for reading books etc, please make sure it is a small one. Large rucksacks will just not fit in our small cloakroom! All stationery for lessons will be provided in school. You are very welcome to bring your own pencil case for drawing at wet playtime but this will need to be kept in your bag in in the cloakroom.

Drinks & Snacks

Please make sure you bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water (no juice please) every day. This will really help with your learning! Bottles can be refilled throughout the day. Playtime fruit is not provided in year 3, but you are very welcome to bring your own fruit/healthy snack for playtime. Lunchtime is later in key stage 2 so you may need a snack to keep you going!

Home Learning Tasks



Weekly spellings based on our phonics work each week will be sent home on Fridays and tested in school on the following Thursday.

You should read at home as much as possible and these sessions should be recorded and signed by an adult in your reading record. See the separate letter for more details.

Practising for the weekly maths challenge which will start on Tuesday 10th September. We will send home a practice sheet before we start and then whenever you move onto a new level. Try to aim for a certificate every 2 weeks!

This year, we will show you how to use TT Rock Stars and give you a password to use at home. Aim for a few 10-15 minute sessions a week to help you develop your maths skills.

Sometimes, additional tasks may be handed out. These could be based on any subject area .

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

You can make an appointment for after school, or have a brief chat with any of the year 3 staff at the classroom door. We are always happy to help!

You can also contact me on the address below.
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You are also very welcome to carry out your own research by using books or the world wide web (with your adult's permission).

Useful Websites

Volcanoes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc>

Rocks & Soils

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

Maths Activities

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

Lots of information on a range of subjects and topics <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>