

# What's going on in Year 3?

This page aims to give information about the subject areas that your child will be covering in class. This information is for the week commencing: Monday 5th March 2018

## English

We will continue to read *The Story of Gulliver* by Jonathan Coe this week. This is a child friendly version of the famous novel *Gulliver's Travels*.

As we read more of the story, the children will be encouraged to summarise the key points, talk about the character of Gulliver, and act out some key parts of the story. They will also write a letter in role as Gulliver back home to his wife, telling her all about the strange islands he has visited.

## Maths

We will finish our unit of work on division this week.

The children will solve a variety of division problems where the number divides exactly and also where there are remainders. The children will use counters to show their workings, but will also be expected to use their timetables knowledge to help them solve questions quickly. Please continue to practise these with your child at home in a variety of ways, e.g.: writing them out, listening to songs, or playing games online that practise this skill.

Please see the calculation policy on the website that shows the way we teach division, and the steps the children need to understand in this process.

## Topic

As part of our work on our topic *Explorers and Adventurers* we will do some simple map work, using an atlas to find given places.

We will also start to use a compass and talk about directions.

## Phonics & Handwriting

In this cycle, we will focus on two spelling rules:

**Words where the short /i/ sound is made by y**

E.g.: cycle, symbol, pyramid

**Words where the /k/ sound is made by ch**

E.g.: ache, stomach, echo

The children will complete different spelling and handwriting activities linked to these rules.

Their own spellings may link to these rules too, but will predominately focus on high frequency words that they need to learn to spell and use accurately in their own writing.

## Mental maths test

The mental maths test this week will be made up of a variety of questions from the timetables we have worked on so far, and that they are expected to know off by heart by the end of Year 3: x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10

The test is done in 2 minutes so the emphasis is on the children increasing their speed. This means they need to learn these timetables so they are **known facts**, out of sequence and are not having to work them out.

## Spellings

Please find time to help your child practise their spellings. These words are sometimes taken from their own English books, or are from the key word lists.

If they want an extra challenge, please look at the word lists emailed home. The children have 2 weeks to practise these words at home and in class, but they **must bring in their spelling book to school every day** as we use it for different activities.