



### Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Year 3. We hope you had a restful half term break. I look forward to more learning experiences with our children this term.

Sharika  
Class Teacher

## Theme - Geography

The theme for this term is 'Urban Pioneers'. We will be learning about the features of a city, naming, and locating major UK cities using atlases and maps, and comparing London to another UK city. We will also be discovering the history of London and learning key facts about how our city has developed over time. Each child will be given a knowledge organiser as below.

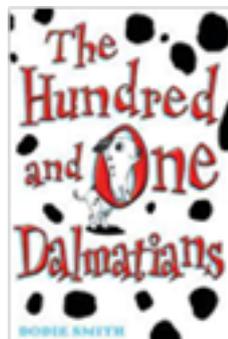
<b>Urban Pioneers</b> 	To know the common features of a city.	To know how London has grown and developed over time.	To know the names and locations of major UK cities.	To know key points on a historic timeline of London.	To compare London to another city in the UK.	To know that art created outside on walls and buildings is known as urban art. To be able to recognise the styles of Banksy and Lady Pink.
<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	<b>What is a city?</b> A city is a large settlement where lots of people live and work. Businesses and banks are located in the centre of a city. There are shopping districts full of shops, restaurants, cafes and bars. Cities have good transport links so people can easily get in and out to work and shop. Train stations, bus stations and coach depots are usually in the centre of a city. Some people live in the residential areas surrounding cities, called suburbs.	<b>Features of a city</b>	<b>Urban art</b> Urban art is art created on walls and buildings. Graffiti is a form of urban art that is mainly made up of words and sometimes pictures too.	<b>settlement</b> - a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.	<b>History of a city London</b>	<b>pioneer</b> - a person who is among the first to explore or settle in a new country or area.
city settlement district suburbs pioneer residential urban graffiti local vandalism mural monument		   	 	<b>residential</b> - an area where there are private houses, not offices and factories.		<b>monument</b> - a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a notable person or event.

## English

We will be writing effective sentences for non-chronological reports about London and creating character descriptions for missing posters.

Our class text is The One Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith.

- Vocabulary
- Infer
- Predict
- Explain
- Retrieve
- Summarise



Children are required to complete reading quizzes after finishing their independent reading books, if the related quiz is available on the accelerated reader platform.



## Maths

This term we shall be continuing to cover the following objectives:

### Time

- Tell, record, write and order the time analogue and digital.
- 12-hour, a.m., p.m.
- Measure, calculate and compare durations

### Fractions

- Part-whole relationships
- Fractions as part of a whole or a whole set and as a number
- Add, subtract, compare, and order fractions

### Angles and shape

- Identify angles as descriptions of a turn and a property of a shape
- Recognise horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of lines that are parallel or perpendicular
- Describe 2D and 3D shape and use these properties to compare and sort shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes



## PSHE

The theme for this unit is inspired by the idea that we live in a diverse, multicultural, and democratic society and that this is important and brings many benefits. The children will talk about what it is like to live in the British Isles. They will explore rules, the law, liberty and what living in a democracy means. They will also learn about the importance of being tolerant of differences within their society.

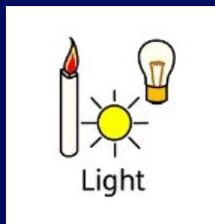
## P.E.

The children will be developing **basketball** and **hockey skills** this term.

PE will still be on **Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning**. Children should wear PE kit to school on these days. Please ensure your child has appropriate shorts or joggers, t-shirts, and trainers each week. As it is cold, the children will wear their school jumper and / or coat for these lessons.

## Science

In science we will be learning about light, reflections, and shadows. We will learn about different sources of light, and that we need light to see. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate reflective materials, in the context of designing a new book bag.



## Design Technology

This term in design and technology the children will develop their skills to independently design and make a pop-up card using scoring, folding, and cutting. They will then evaluate their final product.



## R.E.

In religious education lessons this term we will be exploring the theme: teachings and authority. We will be discussing the following questions:

Who do people follow and why?

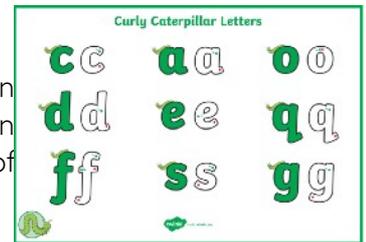
What does it mean to have authority?

How can I play a part in making a better community?

Can anyone make a difference to the world?

## Handwriting

This term we will be focusing on forming neat letter joins within the curly caterpillar group of letters.



## iPads

Please ensure iPads are fully charged and brought into school each day.



## Homework

Each MONDAY we collect homework.

**Children need to choose one task from their homework grid to complete each week.**

Exercise books will be checked by teachers during the week after homework is due. Some children may choose to complete their work on their iPad. Work must be sent via air drop when in class.

**Please ensure one task is completed each week.**

Every day, children should complete their daily diet:

- **Read** their reading book for at least 10 mins each day
- Practise key words for spelling
- **Practise times table facts**
- Complete weekly maths homework on Sumdog

In addition, typically, the children will use the various apps available, such as Times Table Rockstars, to practice facts. Spelling test on Wednesdays, new words given on Thursday apps available, such as Times Table Rockstars, to practice facts. Spelling test on Wednesdays, new words given on Thursday.

## Dates for Spring 2

TBC	Y3 Class Visit
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day
Tues 22 March Thurs 24 March	Parents evening
Fri 1st April 2022	LAST DAY OF TERM 1.30pm Finish
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY Mon 4th April 2022 to Mon 18th April 2022</b>	
Tues 19th April 2022	Children return to school