



Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Create Project



Big Question – How can we express our emotions through art and music?

Welcome back to the Spring Term in Year 3! We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are as excited about the new term as we are! This term we look forward to exploring our artistic side as we launch our **CREATE** project in which we will mainly be learning through the creative arts – art and music (get your paintbrushes and singing voices ready!).

TAKE ONE PICTURE

In art, we will begin the term by exploring art by 'Taking One Picture' – Hokusai's 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa'. Through Hokusai's work, we will explore **primary, secondary and tertiary colours** before looking at how the artist uses contrasting **warm and cool colours**. We will explore how Hokusai used **woodblock printing** as his main technique before doing some tile printing of our own! We will also look at how the artwork inspired the musician **Debussy's 'La Mer'**.



As we progress through the project we will also develop our skills in **textiles (stitching), digital art and collage**. We are excited that Mrs Maker (our specialist artist!) will also be supporting us in art on a Monday afternoon. Towards the end of the term (when the weather hopefully starts to get warmer!), Year 3 will also visit **Yorkshire Sculpture Park** to take part in their Walk, Talk and Make workshop - look out for more details on this later in the term.

GETTING MUSICAL!



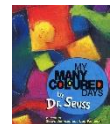
In music (Miss Taylor's favourite subject of course!), we will enjoy listening to and appraising a wide range of genre as we begin to introduce 'TuneFul Tuesdays' across the school. We will sing a wide range of **unison songs** as we start to extend our **pitch range** and experiment with **dynamics** (loud and soft). The artwork that we are exploring as part of our **CREATE** project will be used to inspire group and class **compositions**, whilst we focus particularly on the **structure** of our pieces (beginning, middle and end). As well as this, we will start to read some **basic musical notation** on a staff.

ENGLISH

A range of inspiring texts will be used to support our **CREATE** project this term. We start the term by reading **My Many Coloured Days by Dr Seuss** to make the link between art, music, colour and



emotions. We will then start to explore **The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers**, a beautifully illustrated picture book in which a young boy called William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into a wise owl. In the following days, more topiaries appear, and each one is more beautiful than the last. Soon, William's grey little town is full of colour and life. And though the mysterious night gardener disappears as suddenly as he appeared, William—and his town—are changed forever.



After half term, we will then move onto exploring **wordless picture books** to explore how stories can be communicated purely through pictures and colour.

FRENCH

Bonjour! We are excited to announce that Y3 will begin French Lessons this half term with our French specialist TA – Mrs Amy Smith. French lessons this term will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Fantastique!



PE

PE will continue take place on Tuesdays (with Mr Martin) and Fridays (with Mrs O'Dea) and children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on these days.. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back on these days and that children are not wearing any jewellery (including earrings).

HOMEWORK

This term, we will be setting your child a 'Pick and Mix' homework selection so please look out for this and enjoy collecting 'bees' with your child! Sticky Questions will continue to be set on a Thursday and we will discuss these in class throughout the following week (starting on the Monday!).

MATHS

In maths, we continue to follow the White Rose programme of work. This term we will focus on:

- Multiplication and Division
- Measurement - Money
- Statistics
- Measurement: Length and Perimeter
- Fractions



You can support your child at home by continuing to practise their times tables (particularly, 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s) and TT Rock Stars is still available to support with this.

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of the topics above? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a art or music-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us? Perhaps you can play an instrument and would be interested in performing to the class. Please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

We look forward to another exciting term with Year 3! Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

YEAR 3 TEAM (Miss Taylor, Mrs O'Dea and Mrs Wilson)