

# Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2017

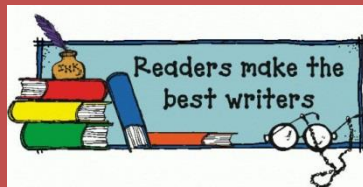
Welcome to the spring term. In Comet class we will be taking part in science and maths focus weeks, an interesting art project about perspective as well as learning about London and why it is a cool place to live.

All of the children are eager to learn and are always focused on the task in hand.

Our trip this term will be to the Museum of London.

Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to another exciting term with your children in Comet class!

Ms Airey and Ms Pytel



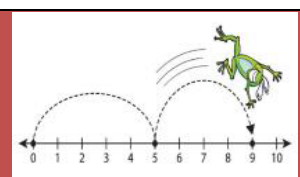
## Literacy

This term we are looking at research and writing for non-fictional purposes including note taking. Using bullet points and finding the most important information in a text. As always we will be practising handwriting skills and presentation of written work.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



## Mathematics

We are looking at digital time and solving problems to do with time. We are concentrating on word problems and the children being able to explain what they need to do to get to an answer.

We are looking at perimeter, units of measurement and problems involving weighing and measuring.

Linked to our London topic we will be looking at maps and directions.

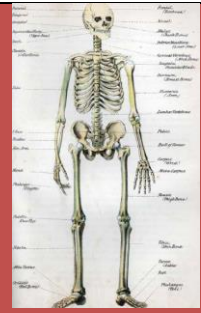
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



## Science

Our topic this term is light and shadow. We are looking at light sources and how shadows are formed. We will also be investigating how shadows change during the day because of the position of the sun and shadow puppets.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



## Humanities

We are looking at 'Why London is a cool place to live' and looking at the history of London. We will also be learning about 'What's in the news?' and the countries around the world.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about their topic:

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround)

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk>

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk>



## Computing

We are looking at producing animations on a programme named scratch. These will be linked to some of our other topics.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

[www.light-bot.com](http://www.light-bot.com)

[www.code.org](http://www.code.org)

[www.scratch.mit.edu](http://www.scratch.mit.edu)

[www.kodugamelab.com](http://www.kodugamelab.com)



## Art/Design & Technology

Linking to our science project we are designing and making shadow puppets and making up puppet shows.

We will also look at drawing portraits and people.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



## RE



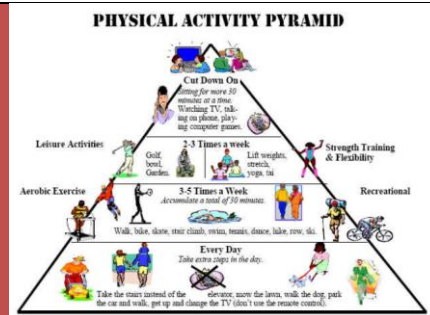
We will be learning about Buddhism and Judaism. We will also look at the celebration of Easter.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about their topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4-11/site/re>



## PE



We will be taking part in Team sports involving throwing or kicking a ball and will be working on increasing our fitness.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their PE skills:

[www.kidsexercise.co.uk](http://www.kidsexercise.co.uk)



## Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. Your child will receive:

- Weekly Maths homework will be provided on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Weekly spellings to be tested in class on Fridays.
- Daily reading. By Year 3 many pupils will enjoy reading by themselves. However, it is important that children still read out loud to their parents and discuss the storyline, as this is the best way of checking that children understand what they are reading and that they are pronouncing words correctly. All children will have the opportunity to bring books home and will have the use of our school library.
- Our Spring term Home Learning project is: To research London and present their findings in a way of their choice.