



# GRESTONE ACADEMY

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## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year Three this half term.

### Curriculum

Our half term topic is **Scrumdiddlyumptious** and the main focus for the topic will be food. This will include looking at the different food groups, the importance of certain foods on our health and the purpose of Fair trade on food production.

**Memorable Experience:** The children will be visiting Cadbury's World on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**English:** The children will begin by looking at instructions, moving on to writing their own set of instructions for making a chocolate crispy cake. After this they will move onto the recounting genre, writing a biography about John Cadbury- the founder of the world famous Chocolate company.

**Maths:** In mathematics the children will begin by covering:

- **Place value e.g. in the number 347, understanding the digit 3 represents 300, the 4 represents 40 and there are 7 ones.**
- **Ordering numbers up to 1000**
- **Counting in steps of 2,3,5 and 10 (times tables)**
- **Adding ones, tens or hundreds to a three digit number e.g.  $347 + 2$ ,  $347 + 20$ ,  $347 + 200$ .**
- **Understanding that multiplication is the inverse of division e.g  $12 \times 2 = 24$  /  $24 \div 2 = 12$**

**Science:** The children will be investigating how animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, looking at how they cannot make their own food but get nutrition from what they eat. They will also be looking at how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement

**Geography:** The children will be researching the journey taken by different foods, from its country of origin to our homes. As well as this they will be discovering the purpose and importance of Fair Trade.

**History:** Year Three will be looking at the impact of significant individuals such as John Cadbury and the development of Cadbury's chocolate, as well as James Lind and how he discovered the cure for scurvy.

**Computing:** The children will be using search engines to research the life of John Cadbury to find information for their biography.

**Music:** The children will be learning and performing the famous song from the film 'Oliver' - *Food glorious food*. They will also be exploring sounds that can be made by shaking, tapping, blowing and beating different foods and food packaging, creating their own 'Vegetable orchestra'.

**Art & Design:** They will begin by looking at and sketching different types of fruit and vegetables, looking carefully at their shapes and colours. From this the children will move onto sculpting a piece of fruit from clay.

**P.E:** The children will be developing their ball skills, including passing and receiving the ball when playing games. They will be looking at how and when to pass, as well as movement off and on the ball.

### **Homework**

Each week the children will receive:

- 1 piece of reading comprehension homework
- 1 piece of maths homework
- A list of 10 spellings.

All homework will be given out on Friday and collected on the following Friday.

Spelling tests will also take place on a Friday.

### **Reading**

Children need to read each night and a comment/signature should be recorded in their Home/School contact book. This will be monitored weekly by class teachers.

Kind regards,

Ms Shiels, Mrs Quinlan, Mrs Sansi, Miss Dcaccia, Miss Man