

Useful Websites

Here are useful websites that you could use with your child to find out more about our topic.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z3nrb9q>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/sound.html>

Homework

Homework is important and consolidates learning at school. English, Maths or a themed homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. Children who choose not to complete homework at home by the deadline day will be required to complete it at school during a lunch break. Spelling words will be set on a Monday and tested the following Friday. It would be helpful if you could support your child in learning these spellings, any child who does not score 7 or above in the test will stay in at lunch time to have additional time to practise. Children will also have a times tables test each week. Children should read with an adult for at least 10 minutes at least 3 times a week (this could include discussion of the text and prediction activities). Reading records will be checked each Friday. Reading books will be changed as necessary.

P.E.

The children take part in PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Please help your child to have their kit in school each Monday ready for the lessons. Children will bring their kits home on a Friday if you wish.

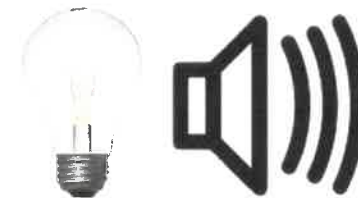
We are always pleased to see you to discuss your child. However, we do ask that unless you have some urgent information for the day, that you try to see us after school, when we will have more time to talk to you.



Class Information

Class 3

Term 3
Light and Sound



January 2017



Surfleet Primary School
Class 3 Term 3 2016-2017
Curriculum News



Maths

We will be continuing to develop children's mental maths skills, particularly in recall of multiplication and addition facts and build on understanding and methods (written and mental) for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will apply these skills in a range of problem solving activities such as when finding perimeter or area. We will look at Roman numerals and the properties of numbers before using our number skills when working with fractions, decimals, reflections, translations and measures (including time) later in the term.

Science

In Science, we will focus on 'light and sound'. We will begin by considering sources of light, how it travels and how shadows are formed. We will then focus on sounds, how they are made, and how the pitch and the volume can be altered in different types of musical instruments. String telephones will be used to illustrate how sound travels, and sound insulation will also be investigated. Knowledge of sound will then be used in creating their own instruments for our Fabulous Finish'.

Term 3 Light and Sound

This term we will be learning about light and sound: the inventors and inventions.

We will begin the topic by making a pin hole camera and thinking about how it works.

Towards the end of term, we will have a Fabulous Finish, when children will perform a group composition on instruments that

Study Unit

Our theme for this term is 'Light and Sound'.

We will begin by learning about different colours and how they are used by artists, particularly Paul Klee. We will also investigate how colours are made from other colours. In DT, we will also create pin hole cameras.

In our Computing lessons, we will learn how technology can be used to make music. Music sessions will continue to be delivered by class teachers, using Music Express to support learning.

English/Languages

In English this term, we will begin by completing descriptive writing linked to Van Gogh's Starry Night.

Later in the term, we will move on to writing instructions and explanation texts to explain how a musical instrument works.

We will also research famous inventors and write biographies.

Children will also have regular spelling, grammar and punctuation sessions. We will continue with weekly French lessons, which are delivered by a French language specialist.

RE/PSHE

In RE this term, we will be focusing on Christianity. We will consider what is special about the Bible and why it is important to Christians.

In PSHE, we will focus on the concept of 'Going for Goals' to tie in with New Year's Resolutions. We will develop our understanding of what it means to set a goal, set a timetable for how to achieve it and learn to deal with our feelings if we find we are unable to meet our target.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/DATES:

10th January — Sparkling Start—remember your Pringles type tube!

7th February—Fabulous Finish—group composition using instruments made in the classroom.