



Iver Village Junior School – Year 3 - Spring 2017-2018

TEACHERS:	Blake: Miss Couves Browne: Miss Short
PE	This Term Year 3 PE is taught by our Sports Coach Mr Hawkes. Please ensure your child comes prepared for their PE lessons with the correct PE kit and that it is named. PE this term will be on Monday and Tuesday .
SPELLINGS	Your child will have received a cracking spellings booklet. Within the booklet there are a series of activities in which your child will need to use their spelling words to complete. Once the booklet has been completed and your child feels confident with the words they have been asked to learn, they can request to be tested by their class teacher. If they pass this test they will receive the booklet for the next level and a wrist band that matches the level they have passed!
READING HOMEWORK	We are continuing on our Reading Revolution journey! We want to encourage children's love for reading. Please support us in this by reading with your child, listening to them read and reading them stories too. When reading, encourage them to ask questions as well as yourselves to ask questions to help their comprehension. Please remember to sign their purple Reading Record, which needs to be in school daily. Don't forget to encourage your child to use Bug Club as well.
HOMEWORK TIMETABLE	Friday- Maths and English homework set each week. We also offer Homework Club every Friday Wednesday- Homework handed back in to class teacher; if this does not happen then your child will complete their homework on Thursday lunchtime in homework catch-up club.
PROJECT HOMEWORK	Creative Victorian history project.
To support your child this half term you could: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage and support their reading at home.• Help your child to practise their times tables.• Ensure they bring the correct equipment to school, including PE kit.• Research Victorians so that your child has lots of interesting facts ready for our topic.• Discuss any changes to the local area that you or any family have experienced.• Research and discuss the functions of different parts of a flower!	
Key Dates: Parent drop-in sessions - Every Monday at 3:15 / Hobgoblin Theatre Company - 15.01.18 / Street Dance 19.01.18 / Author Visit - Jackie Marchant 22.01.18 / Safer Internet Day 6.02.18 / Show Racism the Red Card 19.02.18 / Take One Picture (Art project) 29.02.18 / World Book Day 2.03.18 / Science week 12.03.18	

English

Reading will be a focus during guided reading sessions; children will be given the strategies and skills to develop into fluent, independent readers. During English lessons children will focus on developing their writing abilities and will advance in their understanding of different genres. This term our writing will be focussed around 2 new and exciting texts – Oliver and the Seawigs and Arthur on the Golden Rope!

Science Plants

We will be focussing on plants this term. We will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. And exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.

We will also work on our investigation skills and start planning, carrying out, recording and reflecting on our own experiments.



RE

What is important in my life? What might God be like? What does Christening and Baptism show about Christian beliefs about God? Why might God have different names?

PSHE

What makes your school special? What would I include in my perfect school? What is global warming? How can I reduce my carbon footprint? How can I help improve the effects of deforestation?

Maths

Children will continue to develop their understanding and fluency of the 4 operations – addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. They will develop greater fluency with mental calculations and continue to gain confidence with using more formal methods. They will continue to think about how their learning is relevant to everyday life and use the strategies they have learnt to solve a variety of problems including those involving money and fractions.

DT

This term we will develop sewing skills and aim to make our own pencil cases through investigations of stitching and a variety of fasteners.

History Victorians

Who were the Victorians and when did they live? What was life like for a poor child in the 1840s? Who helped to improve the lives of Victorian children? What was it like going to school at the end of the nineteenth century? How did different Victorian children use their spare time? How did life change for children living in Victorian Britain?

Computing

This term we will focus on how we can use computers and the internet for communication purposes! Most importantly, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe online!

PE

In gymnastics we will be focussing on using symmetry and asymmetry in our routines. In our outdoor sessions we will be focussing on team games such as netball

Geography

This term we will be focussing on the Geography of the UK! We will be finding different countries, towns and cities on a map and identifying major rivers, oceans and hills.

Art

This term we will explore the work of artist Georges Seurat and create our own paintings using the pointillist style.

French

How do I greet people in French? How do I say days of the week and months of the year in French? How can I say where I live? What are the numbers in French to 31?

Music

In music we will be learning to play the ocarina with our teachers!