



# Mersey Park Half Term Overview

## Summer 1

### Year 3



#### Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading the story of 'Ice Palace'. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character Ivan. We will be focussing on 3\_ed sentences and verb, comma person sentences.

We will be reading and reciting the poem 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' by Edward Lear

We will also write a non – Chronological report about 'Arctic survival' where we will find out about Inuit people and how they live their lives.

#### Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be continuing to practice reading with fluency and expression. We will be practicing recalling facts from the text and making inferences.

We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; Suffix – er (ends in /ch/)

/k/ - ch (Greek)

/g/ - gue /k/ - que (French)

/s/ - sc (Latin) Homophones

We will also be looking for these tricky words;

accidentally, breathe, century, consider, eight, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter



#### Maths

In our maths lessons we will be focussing on fractions including unit and non- unit fractions, whole fractions and tenths.

We will also focus on time. We will learn how to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. We will also answer questions about duration of time.

We will have a strong focus this half term on times tables. We will complete daily multiplication activities. We will use Times tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash to assess times tables knowledge.

#### Foundation Subjects

Our topic this half term will be 'Victorians'. We will study a local area 'Port Sunlight'. We will find information by looking at primary and secondary sources. We will focus on the impact of Victorian Monarchy and place famous Victorian inventions on a timeline. We will use 4 figure grid references to find places on a map. During our DT lessons, we will be creating our own Victorian Pin Cushion. We will be using different sewing techniques and will be evaluating our own work. In computing we will be learning about different parts of a computer and their functions.

**revolution, monarchy, poverty, factory, empire**



#### Science

In science we will continue learning all about 'Plants'. We will compare how plants grow in different soils and explore how fertilisers can be used to improve growth. We will investigate the amount of water needed to help a leafy pot plant grow well. We will also investigate how space affects plant growth. We will use the results from their investigations to produce a helpful hints and tips card to describe what helps plants grow better. We will look at how plants are pollinated and how seeds are dispersed.

**dispersal, stigma, fertilisation, flowering, carpel**



#### Mersey Park Personal Development

To help our Year Three children develop as well rounded little people who are ready for the world around them, we will also be teaching our children life skills and this half term we will be focusing on the monarchy. We will discuss their significance within our country now and in Victorian times. We will take part in P4C debates and learn how to articulate our views. We will also focus on Relationships in our 'Jigsaw' work.

We will continue to learn about the **British Values**: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.