Vocabulary



Year 3

This booklet contains some of the key vocabulary and terminology that your child will be using during the Spring Term.

Please use this booklet to support your child at home.

Thank you!

Maths

Word	Definition
Angle	The space between two intersecting lines,
	measured in degrees.
	Acute Angle Right Angle
Capacity	How much fluid fits in a container (ml or l).
Decimal	Numbers which include decimal points (5.6).
Denominator	In a fraction, the number below the line.
Equivalent fractions	Fractions which represent the same amount (e.g. $1/2$ and $3/6$).
Fraction	A number which represents part of a whole.
Geometry	The study of shape, position and movement.
Horizontal	A line which runs from left to right or right to left.
Mass	The weight of an object (g or kg).
Numerator	In a fraction, the number above the line.
Parallel	Lines which have the same distance between them and never cross.
Perimeter	The distance around a 2D shape.
Perpendicular	Lines which intersect at a right angle.
Simplifying fractions	Finding an equivalent fraction where the
	numbers are reduced as much as possible.
Vertical	A line which runs up and down.
Volume	The amount of space taken up by an object.







English

Word	Definition
Apostrophe	A punctuation mark used to show possession (e.g. Jamie's bag) or missing letters (e.g. cannot = can't).
Brackets	A punctuation mark used to give extra information (e.g. My friend Chloe (who is 8) is coming to my house tonight)
Capital letters	A letter used at the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns (e.g. London, Mr Smith)
Comma	A punctuation mark used in a sentence for a pause or to separate clauses.
First person	A sentence written from the viewpoint of the subject (e.g. use of I, we, me, my and us)
Full stop	A punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence.
Question mark	A punctuation mark which indicates a question and comes at the end of a sentence.

Sentence Type	Example
Rhetorical question (a question which doesn't require an answer)	Why would anyone want to destroy this beautiful rainforest?
Simile (comparison of two things using like or as)	The trees are as tall as aeroplanes soaring in the sky.
Emotive language (words or phrases which evoke an emotion from the reader)	Surely you can see that chopping down this beautiful tree is the worst idea in the world.







Science

Plants		
Word	Definition	
Bud	A partially opened flower.	
Life cycle	The stages a living thing goes through during its life.	
Nutrient	A substance which is needed for healthy growth, development and functioning.	
Petal	The outer part of a flower, often brightly coloured.	
Root	Part of a plant hidden underground which keeps the plant upright and absorbs water.	
Stem	The main trunk of a plant.	

Rocks and soils	
Word	Definition
Fossil	The remains or traces of plants and animals which lived long ago.
Igneous rocks	Rocks formed by volcanoes (e.g. granite and basalt)
Metamorphic rocks	Rocks formed by great heat and pressure (e.g. slate and marble).
Porous rocks	Rocks which absorb water.
Properties	An attribute, quality or characteristic of something.
Sedimentary rocks	Rocks made up of layers, formed over many, many years (e.g. limestone and sandstone).
Non-porous rocks	Rocks which do not absorb water.





