

Class 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome Back

We had a wonderful first week back in class, I am so proud of all of the children. It was amazing to have the sound of chatter and laughter back again!

A big thank you to everyone for being so understanding during drop off and pick up times, it has worked well to ensure everyone is safe, and I'm sure we will get quicker as the weeks go on.

Water Bottles

Unfortunately, we don't have the facility to fill up the children's water bottles in KS2, please feel free to send your child to school with two water bottles filled with water only.



Our Topics

Maths – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

English – Work based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'

History – Invaders and Settlers: The Romans

Science – Animal Classification, based on Desert Life.

R.E. – Judaism

P.E. – Team games

Music – Let your spirit fly.

Computing – Internet Safety

Art/ D.T. – work based on the Romans

PSHE – Identity, society and democracy

Staffing

Mrs Teale will be working with us in English

Maths – Year 3 will be taught maths by Mrs O'Neill this year.

Monday – The children will be taught P.E. by Michaela from Castleford Tigers.

Wednesday – Afternoons, Mrs Shaw will be teaching the class.

Things to remember

Monday

- P.E day
- Homework due
- Spelling test

Thursday

- Library day

Daily

- Water bottle
- Reading book and record.

Important

Our Class Dojo is up and running, please keep an eye on this as it will be used to keep in touch, pass on any key messages and share when your child has received a positive dojo point. Additionally, please keep checking our class page, class blog and photo gallery, here I will be posting about our learning and what we have been up to in Class 3.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on number & place value and addition & subtraction.

Year 3:

- Tens and ones using addition; Represent numbers to 1,000; Number lines to 1,000; Find 100, 10 or 1 more or less than a given number; Compare numbers and objects to 1,000; Count in 50s
- Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers, with exchanging and crossing 100; Spotting patterns, Estimate answers to calculations; Check answers.

Year 4:

- Represent numbers to 10,000; Round to the nearest 10; Round to the nearest 100; 1,000s, 100s, 10s and 1s; Partitioning; Number lines to 10,000; More or less; comparing numbers.
- Adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers, with more than one exchange; Efficient subtraction, estimating answers; Checking strategies.

How you can help: Ensure your child completes their Timestables Rockstars homework weekly. Identify maths in everyday life, encourage children to answer questions on the maths around them. Discuss time with children i.e We are having dinner in 30 minutes, what time will that be? Give children an opportunity to handle money (I know this is limited now but it's important). Could you set your own 'shop' for children to buy their own lunch ingredients, can they work out how much it would cost?

English

For the next few weeks, we will be basing our learning on the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. During this unit, the children will have the opportunity to listed to the Escape from Pompeii a number of times. Children will engage with the text through extensive discussion and drama in order to increase their familiarity with the story and they will have the opportunity to articulate ideas about the text using an increasingly varied vocabulary. Grammar will also be a key focus throughout our English lessons. The children will then explore different types of poetry.

How you can help: Ensure your child reads for 20 minutes per night. Practise writing for different purposes, could they write the weekly shopping list, their own party invitations, ingredients for cooking, book reviews etc. Help your child learn their weekly spellings, don't forget to go previous week's spellings too. Please use the reading record book provided to record your child's reading; we really value your comments and feedback!

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animal Classification'. We will be basing our work on Desert Life. Throughout this topic we will learn about what a desert habitat is like, learnt to group animals in different ways, use classification keys and know how animals adapt to survive in the wild!

History

Our topic is 'Invaders and Settlers: The Romans'. The children will find out why and how the Romans successfully invaded Britain. We will learn about who has un Britain when the Romans invaded and learn about their way of life!

Other learning

In Class 3, we will also have weekly Spanish, PSHE, R.E, Music, SPAG (Spellings, punctuation and Grammar), Guided Reading and Handwriting lessons.

Homework

Please see the front of your child's homework book for our homework expectations. Any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me. All support and guidance for children completing homework is greatly appreciated.