

Year 3 Newsletter: Spring 2

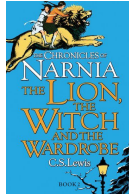
Welcome to Spring Term 2 in Year 3.

- **PE Days are Tuesday and Friday.** Children should come in full PE Kit on both days. Children should be wearing no jewellery.
- **AR books** will continue to come home on a continuous cycle when the previous book is brought back. Please make sure that your child's book is returned at least once a week. Accelerated Reader Books can be returned any day within the week. This is to offer children and families, a chance to read as much as possible and they can come in more than once during the week. Once your child has returned their book they will then take their AR quiz and choose their next book. If your child does not achieve 80% on their quiz, they will return home with the same book to re-read and gain a greater understanding before attempting the quiz again when ready.
- **Important Dates: Parents Evenings** 28th/29th February 2024

Please see below for a summary of the curriculum for this half-term:

In English:

In our English lessons we will continue to develop our use of punctuation including inverted commas and commas in a list. We will develop our sentence writing by applying a range of openers including subordinating conjunctions. Our two writing topics this half term will be 'The Door' (a portal story) and 'Until I Met Dudley' (an explanation text.)



In Maths:

This half term, we are going to continue our focus on learning our times table using the vocabulary, '3 x 2 = 6, 5 x 5 = 25' etc. Your child should be using Times Table Rockstars to support their learning in school and to develop their fluency in recalling their multiplication facts for 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x.

Children will continue to work in their Maths group, which worked brilliantly last half-term. They will be working on slightly different things but much of the work will continue about the four calculations and place value, so that all the children are secure and strong in reasoning about number..

In Art:

As Artists and Creators, we are going to be learning all about Venice Carnival. The Carnival of Venice is an annual festival held in Venice, Italy. The carnival ends on Shrove Tuesday which is the day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The festival is world-famous for its elaborate masks. This half term, we will be designing, creating and evaluating our own masks. We will create a step-by-step plan, explore different textiles and their qualities and learn how to fasten materials together.

In PSHE:

In PSHE this term, we will be learning to identify that families can be different and identify the support, stability and love that a family can provide. We will be learning all about the different ways in which family members show that they care for one another and share our positive experiences and memories with each other. In addition to positive experiences, we will be collectively learning about what we can do when we are worried and what we can do to ask for help and who we can turn to for support.

In RE:

In R.E this term, we will be looking at the Easter story. We will investigate why Christians believe Good Friday was 'Good' and discuss the teaching of forgiveness in the Christian Church. We will think about when it is important that we forgive each other and are able to be forgiven when we have made mistakes. We will look in depth at the Easter story and learn why we celebrate the days of the holiday, as we do.

In Computing:

As Computer Scientists, we are going to be learning all PowerPoint presentations. We will be creating our own slideshow, using Google Slides, including information all about Italy. We are going to learn how to manipulate text, underline text, centre text, change font and size, copy and paste images and save to a folder. We also will be learning how to research new information using the internet safely. All our Computing lessons incorporate E-safety.

In PE:

This term our Year 3 pupils will be learning Handball and Netball. We will be learning to use basic principles of attack and defend. Passing, receiving and shooting skills will be developed through small sided games and conditioned situations.

In Music:

This half term, we will continue to learn how to play the ukulele with Blackpool Music Service. We will listen to, learn, sing and play a variety of different songs. We also will continue to learn about the different dimensions of music (such as rhythm, tempo, pulse, pitch) throughout the unit.



In Geography:

In geography, we are looking at 'Why do so many British tourists visit Europe each year?' We will be studying the concept of tourism and why people go on holiday. Within the unit, the children will learn many of the countries, capitals and flags of European places. They will look at the climate of countries in the Mediterranean and compare how tourism impacts on Venice, Italy and Blackpool respectively.

In Science:

As Scientists, we are going to be learning all about plants, studying the different parts of a plant - the roots, the stem, the leaves and the flower - and the function of each one. Meanwhile we will investigate what plants need to survive and the result if one of these things is not available. Finally, we will look at how seeds are dispersed to ensure that new plants are made.