



Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to an exciting half term back in Year 3 filled with lots of interesting learning opportunities and of course the run up to Christmas! This half term is always very busy but we find that the children always absolutely love our English learning as it is winter-themed. They have plenty of opportunities to be really creative and imaginative in their writing as we develop our knowledge of similes to describe characters and settings.

We are really going to focus on spellings this half term and do lots of modelling and practising of the different strategies to support the children being more accurate in the spelling of Common Exception Words. We will send home a sticker every Friday in the purple spelling journal for your child to have the opportunity to practise the words they are learning in school. If you need any help or advice in supporting your child with their spellings at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please do remember, that if you have any concerns or need support with anything, to email us or ring the office to pass on a message. Your child's class teacher will be more than happy to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Please find our email addresses below for your convenience:

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Class 11 and Year 3 YGL: awebb@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk

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Important messages for this half term...

PE

Class 10 will do PE every Monday and Thursday.

Class 11 will do PE every Thursday and Friday.

Class 12 will do PE every Wednesday and Friday.

Please be advised that sometimes we have extra P.E. provision or visitors so please support us by ensuring that your child has their PE kit, clearly labelled with their name and class, in school at all times. Kit should include pumps, white T- shirt, dark shorts and a jumper/sweatshirt for when the autumn weather arrives. Additionally, for safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered with tape and long hair be tied back. Please bear in mind that school do not have tape which the children can use for covering earrings and the best option is for your child to either be able to remove their own earrings or to simply not wear them on P.E. days. Adults in school are not permitted to remove earrings.

Reading

Year 3 would love to get their reading raffle percentages much higher this half term! To enter the reading raffle, your child needs to read 5 times at home and have this signed. As they are becoming older and more independent in their learning, they can record their reading themselves and have it signed off by an adult.

Times Tables

As well as having a big push on reading, we are having a big push on times tables. Well done to all of the children who have already received a certificate. We encourage you to do daily practice, even for just 5 minutes, to ensue your child is becoming fluent and accurate in the recall of times tables.

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English

Class text: Winter's Child Graham Baker Smith **Class text:** Ice Palace

This half term, the children will have opportunities to apply their knowledge of prepositions to express place and time. The children will also begin to introduce speech into their writing, focusing on including the correct punctuation and a reporting clause. Their final writing outcome will be a fantasy narrative based on the Winter's Child story.

The children always love the text The Ice Place as the story grabs their imagination and the vocabulary inspires their writing. We will be using this text to give the children another opportunity to apply the skill taught in Winter's child when writing a Diary to recount the characters journey.

Maths

This half term, the children will be using the mentally strategies that they have learnt during our addition learning to calculate subtraction problems. They will then be applying this knowledge in our money unit.

Science – Forces and magnets

The children will be learning about contact and non-contact forces this half term and in Spring 1. We will be looking at friction, resistance and magnets. The children will be undertaking a variety of experiments to deepen their learning with a focus on working scientifically. They will explore the forces we have around us and what can make objects speed up or slow down.

PSHE – Celebrating difference

Children will explore what it means to belong to a group, diversity within the community and how to respect the similarities and differences of others.

MFL

Children will revisit greetings and build on their knowledge of colour names. They will then begin to learn how to say, read and write the months of the year and days of the week.

Art

The skill the children are going to develop this half term is painting. They will be looking at the work of Van Gogh and using painting techniques such as impasto, tonking and sgraffito to create texture.

RE – Christianity

The pupils will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

PE

The children will be focusing on invasion games this half term. They will develop the skills of sending and receiving through the team sport of netball.

History

The children will be continuing their learning on The Stone Age before moving on to the Bronze and Iron ages.

Geography

The children continue their learning on a study of the UK. They will be able to identify different cities and human and physical landmarks of the countries that make up the UK.

Computing

Year 3 will explore creativity within computing. The children will use i-movie to create their own video based on their Geography learning throughout Autumn term.

Music

The children will be learning how to sing and perform a new song, Three Little Birds.