

Year 3 Newsletter

Here is a look at what we will be covering this half term. It has been a great start to the Spring term.

Maths

In Maths we will be securing our mental calculations for adding 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using the partitioning strategy. We shall be subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by partitioning and finding the difference. Later in the term we will be looking at 2, 4 and 8 times tables and the relationships between them.

As always, times tables will be vital, using TT Rockstars and other such resources to practice times tables is always encouraged at home.



English

Our key text in English will be 'Oliver Twist', a retold version of the classic. Children will explore the story structure, characters, events and plot before planning and writing their own historical narrative set in this period. There will be a focus on accurate tense, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, handwriting and accurate punctuation. Children will also be encouraged to use higher level vocabulary. We will continue to apply the writing skills and grammatical elements that the children learnt last term and will learn to write in paragraphs, use direct speech and subordination in sentences.

Reading:

Support with reading at home is extremely appreciated and strongly encouraged. We would advise that the children read three times a week at home with an adult. This term they should particularly focus on inference and understanding meaning from the text.

Science:

Our topic for this half term is Light and Shadows. We will be:

Recalling examples of light sources, objects that do not give out light and that darkness is the absence of light.

Describing what happens when light reflects, give examples of reflective surfaces or materials and describing factors that may affect the quality of a reflected image.

Describing how shadows form and identifying patterns between groups of materials and the shadows produced.

Recalling factors that affect the way a shadow appears, including what causes shadows to change throughout the day and factors that change the size of a shadow.

Theme

This half term we will be looking back in time to Victorian England.

We will be learning about Queen Victoria, the workhouses and Quarry Bank Mill. Children will compare life for children then and now and will gain an understanding of how events from this era have impacted on life today. We will also be developing our understanding of chronology by ordering events on a timeline. We are looking forward to our trip to Quarry Bank Mill on Tuesday 10th March!



Homework and Spellings

Every Friday children will have spellings to be completed for the following Friday. Homework will continue to be reading at least 3 times a week and times tables practise on TT rockstars.

P.E Days

For this half-term, Year 3 will have P.E. on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a **full Godley P.E kit in school**. This consists of a **white t-shirt, black shorts, pumps for indoor sessions and trainers for outdoor P.E.** As the weather is getting colder, your child may bring tracksuit bottoms and a top/fleece to wear. These must be either black or grey or at the very least, dark in colour.

If you would like any further information about this half-term, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Eddleston & Mrs Parkhouse