

Year 3 Newsletter

Maths

In Maths we will be exploring measurement and shape. We will be covering the following:

- measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)
- draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them
- recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn
- identify right angles, recognise that 2 right angles make a half-turn, 3 make three-quarters of a turn and 4 a complete turn; identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle
- identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines

English

Our key text in English is 'Our Tower', by the children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. The children will explore the story structure, characters, events, and plot before planning and writing their own adventure narrative. There will be a focus on capital letters for proper nouns, complex sentences, and conjunctions. The children will also be encouraged to use higher-level vocabulary.

In reading, we will explore the text 'What's it like to be a bird'. The children will continue to develop their inference and retrieval skills. They will predict and ask questions to improve their understanding of the text. They will also draw out the main ideas from a key paragraph.

Theme

This term our Geography topic focuses on cities. We will be exploring the difference between villages, towns, and cities. Finding out where the major cities in the UK are located and investigating the human features of a city. We will be looking closely at the cities of Manchester and Liverpool as they are the closest cities to our location.



Science

Our science topic for this half term is Rocks and Soils. We will be:

- Defining the term 'rock'.
- Describing the appearance of different rocks; identifying both crystals and grains.
- Grouping rocks by their absorbency, hardness and reaction to acid rain (vinegar)
- Describing fossil formation and identify fossils in rocks.
- Naming, describing and comparing some different categories of soil.
- Listing some of the benefits of earthworms to the soil.
- Using a magnifying glass correctly to observe the appearance of a rock in detail.
- Using results to choose the appropriate rock type for a specific use, suggest a better choice of rock for a specific use and to predict how a rock will be affected by the weather.

Homework and Spellings

Every Friday children will have Spelling homework to be completed for the following Friday. Your child will receive their spellings for each half term in the first week. Please see the corresponding week to practise spellings which will be tested the following Friday. Maths homework will continue to be times tables practise via TT rockstars, and the English homework will be continue to be reading at least three times a week.

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.

May we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for your kind gifts and good wishes before the Christmas holidays. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and hope that you enjoyed the festive season.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school on **Friday 23rd January** for our class assembly.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Eddleston & Mrs Parkhouse