Year 3

Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have had a fantastic Easter break, it has been great to welcome the children back. It is going to be an exciting term as we have some brilliant topics and a residential to enjoy!

The Year 3 Team

Our Year 3 team this term is:

3H: Miss Hope

3W: Kieran Rooney

We also have 2 Teaching Assistants and 1 support assistant who will be supporting the year group:

Mrs Jackson

Miss Smith

Mrs Heron

Our curriculum learning this term includes:

Literacy: In our reading and writing this term we will be looking at stories from other cultures, classic stories, non-chronological reports, first person narratives and performance poetry. We will also be reading: The Seed is Sleepy, Stig of The Dump, Winnie The Pooh and Michael Rosen poems. We will be accurately punctuating dialogue, correctly using commas, creating expanded noun phrases and making precise verb, noun and adverb choices. In addition, we will be practising using all previously taught prefixes and suffixes in sentence tasks.

Mathematics: Our term starts by continuing to focus on our times tables, specifically the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We then move on to finding fractions of amounts and learning how we use £ and p notation and read monetary values as, for example, 5 pounds and 10 pence. Following this, we learn how to tell the time to 5 minutes, one minute and hour and on the digital clock read times from am to pm.

Science: We're continuing our plants topic. Next, we will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants. Following that we will learn about animals and their skeletons as we will investigate different types of skeletons. We will then bring our learning to life by exploring the creatures and skeletons at Maryport Aquarium in June.

History: In History, we will be exploring the archaeological evidence of ancient China with the Shang Dynasty and using this to look at the rise and fall of this civilisation and compare it directly to Bronze Age Britain. The topic concludes by looking at the importance of General Fu Hao and the emergence of writing from China.

R.E: Islam- The Qur'an. We will explore the question - How does the Qur'an influence Muslims today? We will consider how books can help us know what to do and how to live good lives and know that the Qur'an is important to Muslims.

DT: Food -healthy and varied diet – we will continue to develop their food technology skills by using heat sources to prepare and cook savoury snacks and design and make their own pizza as well as develop safe cutting skills.

PSHE: Being our best and growing and changing are the topics this term. We will be learning about our environment and how to consider events from different viewpoints as well as how to set achievable goals. Within our growing and changing sessions we will begin to discuss changing bodies during puberty in an appropriate way for the age of the children.

Music: We will continue to develop our singing skills in a range of different pieces. We will be using the glockenspiels to support our instrument playing and our understanding of written music.

French: Moving on with our developing language learning, we will be able to name different fruit and vegetables as well as ice-cream flavours.

P.E. Athletics and outdoor and adventurous are the main topics this term, where we are hoping for fantastic weather. We will do Athletics on Thursday with Mr Elder and will explore simple athletic skills and actions showing control and co-ordination. We will improve skills of running, jumping and throwing in preparation for Sports Day. On Tuesdays, we will be doing dance with Mr Rooney.



Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 3's look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was parentmailed out in Autumn 2024. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape. Please can we ask that all uniform, especially jumpers and cardigans are labelled. Jumpers and cardigans will be taken off if your child feels hot and are easily misplaced if not labelled.

PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

PE DAYS:

Tuesday – Dance, children need to wear uniform and change into PE kits after lunch.

Thursday – Athletics, children need to wear uniform and change into PE kits after lunch.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day at 8.50am.

Gates are closed at 8.55am.

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year 3 news on our school Facebook page. We are particularly looking forward to our residential trip to Blencathra.

We look forward to an exciting summer term with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or at the hall doors at the end of the day.

Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year 3. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 3 is sent home each Tuesday via Seesaw. Please check your Parentmails for full information about homework.

A basic outline is given below for your child's year group:

Daily Reading

Please remember to sign their reading records daily.

Maths

- TT Rockstars 10 minutes daily is recommended.
- A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps.

Words to Read and Spell:

- Most children will have ten words.
- 5 words will be linked to a spelling rule and 5 words are everyday words that we need to learn in Year
 3.

Kind regards

Year 3 Team!