Year 3 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

English Reading

Alongside our class novel, in comprehension we will continue to tackle all domain focuses. We will be maintaining our level of understanding in retrieval and vocabulary questions. Whilst taking a particular interest in developing our inference and summary skills, when applied to a wide range of texts.

<u>Writing</u>

In writing we will begin by using previous knowledge about Ancient Egypt, in order to write a set of instruction on how to mummify a tomato. To finish the half term, we will be writing an advert in order to persuade people to visit one of the many exciting countries Phileas Fogg travels to in Around the World in 80 days!

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their children are at school on time every day. The gates are open at **8.40-8.50** in the mornings and **3.20-3.30** in the afternoon.



Science

Within our 'Animals, Including Humans' topic, we will be learning about how animals need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We will also be learning to identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

<u>Reading</u> Class Novel

This half term we will be reading 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, linking to our future history topic about Ancient Greece!

"When Elliot wished upon a star, he didn't expect a constellation to crash into his dungheap ... Are the Gods really ready to save the world? And is the world really ready for the Gods?"



Reading and Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tasks will take the children no longer than ten minutes and must be completed each night and returned the next day to help support our learning in class.

Children will continue to select books from our class library, with the guidance of the teaching team. This book should come into school and back home <u>EVERY</u> <u>DAY</u> to maximise reading opportunities.

Please ensure your child is learning their spellings at home so they are prepared for their weekly spelling check.

Interventions begin this half term – please ensure your child is punctual to support their progress. Interventions take place at 8:40am and 3:00pm – please check the back of your child's Spring report for individual details.

Important Dates

- 2nd March World Book Day
- 8th March International Women's Day
- 13th March British Science Week
- 13th March Spelling Bee Semi Final
- 20th 24nd March Experience Easter (Church)
- 22nd March Class Clinic
- 24th March Spelling Bee Final
- 29th March School Disco
- 4th April Year 4 Easter Service (Church)
- $4^{\rm th}$ April Break up for Easter holiday, 2pm finish

Contacting Us

If you need to talk to a member of the Year 3 team, please do not hesitate to send an email. The class email address is <u>year3@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk</u> As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

Please refrain from communicating through the Class Dojo messaging service as this is not regularly checked and you may not receive a response.

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<u>Geography</u>

This half term we will focus on human Geography, through our new topic, 'How do we decide where to settle?' Within this unit, we will look at how land is used and where people have decided to settle and why, including within Middleton. Children will use fieldwork to observe features in the local area using sketch maps, plans and digital tools.



P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Tuesday for Year 3. Our P.E. unit this half term is Dance Around The World! Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor kit on a Tuesday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag.

<u>PSHE</u>

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Don't Hold on to What's Wrong!' We will be exploring the importance of forgiveness and reflecting on ways we can erase negative emotions.



Religious Education

In R.E. our topic is 'Exploring the Sadness and Joy of Easter.' In this unit, we will explore the Easter story from the angle of the feelings evoked by the different events throughout Holy Week. We will discover how the services held in churches during Holy week reflect the sadness and joy and develop our understanding of the concept

of salvation.



Maths

To start the half term, we will continue to explore length and perimeter. Following this, children will begin to learn how to compare and order both unit and non-unit fractions, count in fractions on a number line, and identify equivalent fractions.

Please ensure children are logging on to TTRS at least once a week. By the end of Year 3, children should be fully secure with recalling the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables!

