

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn 2022

Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a lovely, restful summer break. The children have settled back into the routines of school very well and are all very excited to see what their first term in Year 3 will bring!

English

This term the children will be consolidating learning from Year 2. We will work on using a wider variety of punctuation correctly and we will continue to have daily guided reading sessions as they did in KS1. Handwriting, as always, will be a focus and the majority of children should be joining neatly by the end of this term. Please continue to read and practise spellings with your child daily. These few minutes each day have a huge impact on your child's overall progress.

Maths

In Maths this term we will begin by looking at number and place value. This is a very important topic and will form the basis of all of the number work we cover in Year 3. We will then move onto addition and subtractions with a focus on 3 digit numbers. The daily times table work the children started in Year 2 will also continue. This term we will be learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The children will bring home a few tables facts each night and then build on them over the week. The expectation is that they will be able to recall these facts rapidly and with accuracy by the following day. Please support your child by firing quick questions at them—have some fun with it. See if your child can beat you to the answer!

Science

This term we are studying 'Animals Including Humans'. We will begin by looking at the nutrients which keep our bodies healthy. We will then move onto looking at the human skeleton. The children will learn how to name the bones in the skeleton and understand their functions.

Geography

This term we will be learning about the UK and Europe. The children will learn about the capital cities of the UK and key European countries. They will also learn to locate important mountains and rivers on a map.

History

During the second half term we will be studying The Romans. The children will learn who the Romans were and why they came to Britain.

Art

During the first half term we will be looking at 'plants'. We will study some famous paintings of plants and research techniques that we can use to create our own plant artwork.

DT

During the second half term we will be looking at textiles and using felt to create our own flags. We will link this to our geography work and the children will create a flag for European country of their choice.

RE

Our first RE area of learning is 'Homes'. During this unit we will learn about what makes a happy home and consider how Jesus would want us to live. After this topic we will then study Judaism for a week. We will learn about what a Synagogue is, looking at similarities and differences between this and Catholic churches.

Computing

Our first area of learning will be 'E-Safety'. The children will learn how to stay safe online and why being vigilant is important. We will then move onto looking at 'coding' and the children will learn how to use simple software to code. Our final area of learning this term will be spreadsheets.

PE

Our first area of learning will be health related exercise (HRE). The children will be learning about exercises which will improve their overall health.

Spanish

During this term we will continue to study the basics of the Spanish language. The children will learn some basic introductions and greetings in Spanish. They will also learn how many Spanish phonic sounds are different to those in English, and how to pronounce these correctly.

RSHE

This term we will begin by exploring the things which make us unique. We will learn why it is important that we are all different and why God wants us to celebrate these differences. We will then move onto looking at why our bodies are precious, and why it is important to respect our bodies. We will also think about feelings, and how we can manage some negative feelings.

Music

This term we will be focusing on the song 'Enjoying Improvisation'. The children will be exploring music and playing some simple instruments.

Reading

This term we will begin by reading 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Browne. We will then move onto reading 'The Iron Man'.

Reminders

Water Bottles: Please provide your child with a water bottle for them to use in class. (Water only) Due to Covid-19 procedures our water fountains are currently out of use.

P.E. Kit: Please send your child to school in full PE kit each WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY. This should consist of plimsolls, a white t-shirt and navy shorts. In colder weather they are welcome to wear a plain navy tracksuit and trainers. Please note leggings are not part of our PE kit.

Reading: Please read with your child daily and ask them to bring their reading diary into school each day. Ask your child to inform us when they have finished their book so that we can check their diary and change their book.

Homework: Homework will be given each Monday and is due on Friday. Spellings should be practised daily with your child. Times tables are also to be practised daily in your child's timetable book.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a meeting.
Thank you for your support.

Miss Whalen