



# Year 3 Spring Newsletter



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have lots of exciting topics this term. Mrs Davies is completing a second school placement at another school as part of her training and will return to St Paul's on 10th March. In the meantime, Mrs Wilson, who the children know really well, will teach each Monday morning, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon. Mrs Tattersdill will teach the other days of the week, as she has during the Autumn Term. Mrs Ellison will continue as full time teaching assistant in Year 3. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Tattersdill, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Davies and Mrs Ellison.

## English

The first half of this term our English work is linked to our topic on Ancient Civilisations. We will be writing diary entries based on the book 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. We will be looking at mummifications and writing instructions. This term we will also study performance poetry and Kenning's poems. The second half of the term we will be basing our English work around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, looking at narrative and explanation texts.

Handwriting and presentation is a key area for improvement and we will be practising handwriting skills weekly.

Reading is a huge part of Year 3! It is really beneficial if children could read every night for ten minutes and have their reading record signed. This could be their reading book, library book or a book they enjoy reading from home. We read in class every day (guided reading/class story). Please ensure your child has their reading books everyday.

The children will be given weekly spellings to practise. The spellings will be put on Seesaw. Spellings are becoming more challenging so it would be helpful to practise at home in time for our test on Fridays. We will continue to put additional work on Seesaw if you would like to support your child with this. It is always lovely to see their work on Seesaw.

## RE

R.E: Our topic this term begins with 'Journeys', looking at the liturgical year and learning that the Church's celebrations are community occasions. We will also be reflecting on celebrations in our own lives.

In our 'Listening and Sharing' topic we learn how Christians celebrate Mass and share the Eucharist.

Our last topic this term is 'Giving All'. During this topic we learn how people give themselves and that Lent is a time to remember Jesus' total giving.

A copy of the Diocesan parents' leaflet will be sent home for your information.

## Maths

This term begins with a focus on right angles. The children will learn what a right angle is and be able to identify them in our environment and investigate; draw polygons with right angles.

Securing mental maths skills — The children will be learning lots of techniques to support and develop their arithmetic skills. We will be adding 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Column addition - Any numbers can be added together using an algorithm called 'column addition'. If any column sums to ten or greater, we must 'regroup' and numbers within each column should be added in the most efficient order.

Column Subtraction - One number can be subtracted from another using an algorithm called 'column subtraction'; the digits must be aligned correctly.

Statistics—Children will be collecting data and representing it in different ways, They will analyse the data in order to answer questions.

Times Tables - This term we will learn the 3 times table and relating division facts. Last term we also focused on our 2x, 4x and 8x. By the end of Y3, we expect the children to know confidently the following times tables:  
(Y2 level): 10, 2, 5 (Y3 level): 3, 4 & 8 as both multiplication and division facts. Please encourage regular use of Timestable Rockstars at home.



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**Daily Checklist:** - School water bottle and reading book everyday. Monday– Wellies and waterproofs to change into for Forest School. Wednesday– PE Kit. Friday - Spelling Test.

## Science

Our first topic is Rocks, Soils and Fossils. We will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.

We will describe how fossils are formed..

Our second topic this term will be Plants, which is linked to our Rainforest topic. The children will learn about different parts of a plant, seed dispersal and the pollination process.

## History/Geography

We will be completing our Rivers topic in Geography and looking forward to enriching our learning with our forthcoming fieldwork visit to Teesmouth.

In History this term we will study and compare the achievements of the earliest civilisations including Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece

## French

We are very lucky to have a French Teacher deliver a lesson each Friday. Children practise each session by singing songs in French. Our topics during the spring term are Mon Corps and Les Animaux.

## PE

In gymnastics we will be performing a variety of jumps showing control on the floor and on apparatus. We will be creating sequences using different types of rolls, jumps, balance and travel. Our dance will be linked to our topic on Egypt and where we will structure a dance phrase and perform using a variety of techniques. In games we will be working on striking and fielding.

My Personal best words this term are:- Trust and Resourcefulness.

## PSHE

Our first topic is Living in the Wider World where we show concern for the communities in which we live and learn about being respectful to ourselves and others.

Our second topic is Keeping Safe. We will be learning about habits that help us and habits that don't and understanding that we have choices that we can make. We will also learn about road and water safety.

## Forest School

This enrichment area of our curriculum provides an opportunity for practical, outdoor learning to further develop teamwork and co-operation skills. All sessions are linked to our topics.

## Art & DT

We are lucky to have the talented Mrs Lankford teaching our Art and DT topics. We begin the term working on organic forms of sculpture. The second half of the term will be spent developing our painting skills and looking at patterns in nature.

## Computing

Our first topic is coding. We will begin to read and explain flowcharts and use our programming skills. Our second topic is branching, where the children will learn the importance of YES/NO questioning when creating a database. Online safety is taught throughout our lessons.

## Music

We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor from Tees Valley Music to teach us music this term. This term we will be listening to and describing recorded music by listening to the variety of instruments included, listening to the pitch and tempo. We will be able to improve our listening skills alongside improving our musical vocabulary.

