



Year 3 Summer Newsletter



We are delighted to be back in the class with Year 3. We are looking forward to this term with lots of exciting topics such as 'Ancient Civilisations' and 'Rivers'. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Miss Allinson, Mrs Jones & Mrs Lankford

Mr Hodges, a trainee teacher, will be joining us this term as he completes the final term of his training

English

This term our English is focusing on Iron Man to create our very own adventure stories. We will also be using this story to create our very own onomatopoeia poems.

Handwriting and presentation are being prioritised this term. Handwriting activities are taught throughout the week and we are working towards consistent joined writing ready for Year 4.

Reading is a huge part of Year 3! Children should read every night for ten minutes and have their reading records signed. This could be their reading book or a book they enjoy reading from home. The children also have a reading book in class and are encouraged to complete 15 minutes of silent reading daily.

We also encourage the children to talk about their books to develop reading comprehension. Guided reading is completed 3 times a week. We do book club every Thursday which is where children express their love of reading,

The children are now experts at Reading Plus, please could you continue to support with this at home as part of our homework. Children need to complete 5 lessons a week.

The children will be given weekly spellings to be practised. The spellings will be put on Spelling Shed and Seesaw, please can you ensure your child is practising their spellings which will be tested on a Friday.

RE

R.E: Our topic this term begins with:-

Energy- learning how the Holy Spirit gives Christians the energy and power to live like Jesus. We will also be finding out about Oscar Romero and how he followed in the footsteps of Jesus.

Choices - thinking about and discussing the choices we make, including examining our conscience. We will also learn about the Sacrament Reconciliation.

Special Events- Learning about Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community.

During our Islam faith week, we will learn about special places of worship for Muslims

Maths

This half term focuses on money, unit and non-unit fractions. This includes counting, adding/subtracting and converting money as well as giving change. In fractions we will be looking at wholes and the parts that make a whole. The children will represent a unit fraction in different ways and compare and order unit fractions. Identifying the number of equal or unequal parts in a whole.

The second half term term will look at time, length, perimeter and parallel and perpendicular sides in polygons. We will be learning how to estimate and read time with increasing accuracy and tell and write the time. Additionally, we will be drawing shapes on isometric paper and making compound shapes by joining two shapes in different ways.

The children will be applying strategies to solve different types of problems and continuing their mental calculation strategies daily.

Times Tables - We are continuing to retrieve our learning of the 3x, 4x, 8x tables and relating dividing facts through this half term. Please continue to ensure your child goes on Times Table Rock Stars regularly at home as this will help them become secure in recalling multiplication and division facts.



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Daily Checklist: - Everyday -Water bottles and Reading books. Monday - Forest School (clothing/wellies). Wednesday—PE Kit Friday - Spelling Test.

Science

We will be learning about magnets and forces and exploring friction on different surfaces, attraction and repelling of magnets. We then learn about Light and Dark where we will be looking at shadows. Finally we will be completing some practical experiments to develop our scientific enquiry skills.

Geography / History

Our very exciting new topic is Ancient Civilisations. We will be comparing how civilisations and lives differ particularly between the Ancient Greeks and the Ancient Egyptians. We also have a new Geography topic which is Rivers. In this topic we will be learning about where rivers are in the UK and the World how they transport rocks and will compare different Rivers.

French

Madame Sonley will continue to deliver French each Friday. Our topics during the summer term are La Famille and Bon Anniversaire.

PE

Class 3 will continue to have PE on Wednesday afternoon. We will start the term focusing on athletics working on our throwing, running and jumping techniques. Our my personal best word is respect. The second part of the term we will be working on orienteering skills and net and wall games. Our personal best word will be resilience.

PHSE

Our first topic is Life to the Full: Created to love others and Healthy Lifestyles. We will be developing an understanding of a range of feelings and know what is meant by emotional well-being. We will focus on being aware of positive actions to help emotional well-being.

Next half term our topic is learning about changes that happen in life and going for goals. We will reflect on our achievements and describe what we are proud of and how achievements can be celebrated.

Forest School

Forest School takes place on Monday afternoons. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity each week. This enrichment area of our curriculum provides an opportunity for practical, outdoor learning to further develop teamwork and co-operation skills.

Art & DT

The first half term the children will be designing a moving model inspired by The Iron Man (our book focus). Children will be investigating materials and their properties as well as levers and linkages.

The children will be developing their textiles skills by making Roman Purses and using their pottery skills to make Ancient Roman pottery.

Computing

We are learning about graphing. The children will be collating data and looking at various representations such as pie charts and bar charts

We will learn about simulations where we will understand the purpose of simulations, discuss their effects and evaluate complex simulations. Online safety taught alongside the curriculum.

Music

We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor from Tees Valley Music to teach us music this half term. The children will be learning to Improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument, combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases.

