



# TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class Topic Newsletter - Autumn 2 - Year 3

*Every child matters; every moment counts!*

### Welcome back!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Autumn term two, I hope you had a wonderful half term and had chance to have some rest and autumnal fun. The year threes have returned to school with a very positive approach to learning and are already pushing themselves which is wonderful to see. We have had a busy first week back! The PTFA school disco was a great success and we had lots of very scary costumes. Year three have also been to meet the year threes from Marsden school as part of our building bridges program. We made lots of new friends and look forward to visiting them in December at their school.

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you.

### Science...

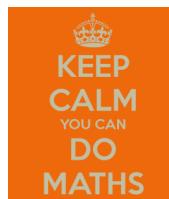


Class 3's science topic this term is forces and magnets. We have been given a brief from a large toy company to make a toy car that is easy to push around a track. To do this we will be discovering what friction is and how forces work through a series of investigations. We will also be looking at magnets and what makes them repel or attract.

### Maths...

This half term our focus will be:

- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry
- Multiplication and division



Last half term the children really improved their reasoning and problem solving skills in maths and are starting to become critical thinkers.

Weekly times tables test will be continuing this half term, we are still focussing on the 3x table for the first few weeks and then we will move onto the 4x table.

### English

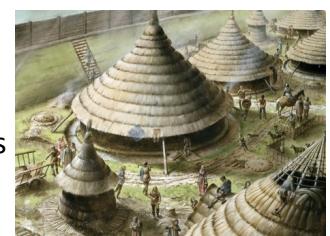


In English we will be reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and learning how to write our own science fiction story based on this novel. We will explore drama and imagery in our English lessons to allow us to become fully immersed in the text so that we can become wonderful science fiction authors.

For our non-fiction unit we will be exploring letter writing. We will be looking at many different letters and we will be highlighting the features that each one has. We will then use our knowledge of these features to write our own. These letters will be written towards the end of the term so we may be addressing them to a certain Mr. Clause...

### History...

Last half term class three became fantastic historians and did a lot of research and enquiry into the stone age. We are now moving past the stone age to the bronze age and then finally the iron age. We will be continuing to develop our historical enquiry skills by exploring how the people of this time lived. Our main focus will be to discover what these people ate, what kind of houses they lived in and how they evolved.



**Children are invited to take part in an iron age theme day this half term... More details to follow.**

# Our curriculum...

**Art & design**– The children will be researching Iron age jewellery , the symbols and patterns on them and what they meant. The children will then choose their favourite and design their own hand-held mirror based on this.



**PSHE**-We are continuing to discuss with the children how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and now they are a little bit older, what their responsibilities are.



**R.E.**– This half term children will continue to focus on Christianity, the church in particular and will be learning who worships there and where some traditions originated.



**Music** - After the success of glockenspiel practise last half term, year three will be learning to recognise certain keys and will hopefully come together to perform as an ensemble.



**French** - The children really enjoyed learning a new language last half term. We will be continuing with the French core vocabulary including salutations and basic classroom commands.



## HOMEWORK...

### Reading

Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books on a Tuesday and Thursday and if they are on the banded books they should change their reading books at least once a week.

### MyMaths

Children are set the MyMaths homework once a fortnight and can complete this independently on a laptop or tablet.

### Spellings & Times tables

The children are given new spellings on a Friday. They will also be told which times table they will be tested on the following week. For the moment we are concentrating on the 3 times table and then moving onto the 4 x table.

**Monday 4th November** PTFA Toasty

Morning - 10p per slice



**Friday 8th November** Remembrance

Coffee afternoon with Y6 Sale.

**Friday 15th November** Children In Need

"Pennies for Pudsey"

**Monday 2nd December**

PTFA Toasty Morning - 10p per slice

**Tuesday 3rd December**

PTFA Christmas pop-up shop

**Thursday 12th December**

Building Bridges program, year three to visit Marsden school

**Friday 13th December**

Santa Singalong

**Tuesday 17th December**

Carol service in church 6.30pm

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas school lunch & Christmas party day

**Thursday 19th December**

Break up for Christmas at 2pm NO AFTER SCHOOL

## Birthdays this half term

**John C**  
**Ella-Louise E**  
**Lucas K**  
**Molly P**  
**Isaac S**



## Days to remember...

### Monday:

**Guitar & woodwind lessons**



### Wednesday:

**PE- Children will need full indoor and outdoor kit in school throughout the half term.**

### Friday:

**Spelling and times table tests and new spellings given for the following week.**