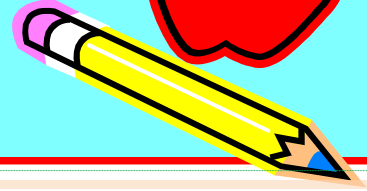


Year 3 Class Newsletter

Spring term 2020



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Thank you so much for all your thoughtful gifts for all four of us. We were very touched.

The children had an excellent first term in Year 3 and we want them to continue with their high expectations and efforts. We are very proud of them all.

English

During English this term, we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and their features. The children will continue to develop their skills of planning, drafting and writing. Children will be taught how to draw upon their reading to develop their writing.

Spellings will be sent home weekly. Please support your child to learn these spellings. Children may have personal spellings written in their reading diary to learn. These will be personalised spellings that they have been getting incorrect in their independent writing.

Reading

Please support and encourage your child to read on a daily basis at home. This can also include questioning around the book, including character's feelings, overviews of chapters/ the text and their opinion. Please can you and your child fill in their reading record in order for us to keep track of children's home reading.

Maths

In Maths, we will be developing the following skills and applying them through problem solving and reasoning activities:

- Counting in multiples of 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100
- Finding 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
- Multiplication and Division
- Adding and giving change in a money context
- Statistics
- Measuring length and perimeter
- Fractions

Children's multiplication and division knowledge has a significant impact on their maths ability and so it is important they practise in school and at home. Our multiplication and division club challenges will be on Thursday mornings and will be marked and given back to the children on the same day to help give instant feedback. Please support and encourage your child in learning their times tables, (2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6 and 8x tables) would be much appreciated. Little and often works best! Daily Doodle! Maths app practise at home will also help your child to make great progress this year

Topic

Our topics this term are The Romans and later we will explore the geographical properties and landscapes of Naples and Campania.

Instead of a topic project this term, we would like the children to all be able to tell the time to the nearest minute - which is a key Year 3 target. This also includes reading Roman Numerals to tell the time up to XII. To support with this please make telling the time high profile at home, both on analogue and digital clocks. We have found that when children have their own wristwatch (analogue rather than digital) this has been highly motivating.

Throughout the term, children will have opportunities for invention writing. This is when children get to choose the topic and genre for themselves. At home, please gather interesting pictures, articles, extracts from books, and links to film clips/online videos that children can then use to inspire their writing. Each child has a magpie book in school so this home learning is ongoing as children can bring in pictures etc. as they come across them.

Science

For the first few weeks, we will be focusing our work on animals and humans. We will then be moving onto our topic 'light and shadows' where we will be investigating different light sources and how shadows can form and change.

The children will be having a session with the school nurse focused on having a healthy lifestyle and general hygiene.

Art

In Art, we will be developing a variety of artistic techniques, focusing on collage and drawing inspiration from 'the greats' from the past!

DT

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a range of products. We will focus on developing textile skills, related to our topic work.

Music

In Music, we will be continuing to develop our skills on the recorder and learning to read and write music.

PE

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays starting with dance and team games such as netball. After half term, we will be swimming on Friday afternoons- **more information to follow!** Please ensure children have something warm to wear for outdoor PE (leggings or joggers). Children are welcome to bring trainers for this session.

French

In French we will be continuing to build on vocabulary learnt in the Autumn term, before learning new vocabulary, such as weather, days of the week and months.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on people who have been inspired by their faith and then focusing around the importance and significance of Easter.

Computing

In computing we will be using Scratch creating and editing. We will learn how to identify errors in the code and fix them. We will then be moving onto video production which we will link to our topic.

Home Learning

Please support your child's learning by practising their spellings with them and reading daily. Please record any books read in their reading record. To support their Maths learning, please practise the multiplication and division club they are working on and encourage the use of 'DoodleMaths' for 10 mins daily. Little and often works best.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can. (Please email us directly).

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