

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Maths

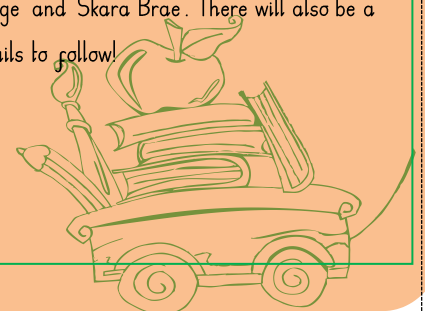
Maths will be taught by Mrs Hadley. This term we will be developing the following skills and applying them through word problems:

- recognising the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens and units)
- finding 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
- comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000
- reading and writing numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words
- written addition and subtraction.
- solving number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.

Children's multiplication and division knowledge has a significant impact on their maths ability and so it is important they practice in school and at home. Our multiplication & 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: Yr 2 = x2, 5, 10 (30 Club) Yr 3 = x3, 4 (45 Club) 6 and 8x tables (56 Club). (By the end of Yr 4 the statutory requirement is that children should have an instant recall of all facts up to 12 x12) Little and often works best! Daily DoodleMaths app practice at home will also help your child to build confidence and make great progress this year, whilst building their 'streak' scores. To support this, please ensure your email is linked to your child's account.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be going back in time to explore the changes throughout this pre-historic period and exploring a variety of themes which occur throughout. These include changes in food, clothing, housing, tools and lifestyle. We will also explore the famous 'Stonehenge' and 'Skara Brae'. There will also be a home learning project – details to follow!



Welcome to Year 3! The children have made a super start to the year and we are enjoying getting to know them all better! We will be sharing the teaching of Year 3 during the course of the year and will be supported by Mrs Evans as our Teaching Assistant. We have arranged the timetable to ensure continuity and consistency for the children. Mrs Dipple will teach all day Monday and Tuesday and half of Wednesday. Mrs Hadley will teach half of Wednesday and all day Thursday and Friday.

English will be taught by Mrs Dipple, and during this term we will be exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts as well as poetry. We will be devoting time to practising our Kinetic Letters handwriting and focusing on body strength and pencil grip in order to help the children begin to join their letters correctly. Spelling is a very important part of our English lessons, and there will be a big focus on this. Spelling lists will be sent home on a Monday in the children's reading record. Please support your child in learning these spellings as there will be a 'Spell Check' on the following Monday.

Reading is an essential part of our learning. In addition to our Reading Lessons in school, each child has a reading record and a book from the book corner. We expect the children to read each day and record it in their reading record. We would also appreciate your feedback on the children's reading and there is a space for this in the reading record. There is guidance on the school website to show you how our new format works. Reading records will be checked by Mrs Dipple or Mrs Hadley each week so please ensure reading books and records are in school every day and that the children bring them up to the classroom.

Science

This term we will start on our unit 'Rocks and Soils'. We will be investigating different rock types and we will be conducting experiments to test their properties. We will then move onto 'Animals Including Humans' where we will investigate balanced diet and different food groups, contrasting our diets to the Stone Age diet.

Art

We will be looking at Cave Paintings linked to our topic. We will be exploring and producing a variety of cave style paintings using different materials and techniques. We will also be looking at famous artists and taking inspirations from the greats.

D.T.

In D.T. we will be designing, making and evaluating Stone Age houses using different materials. We are also fortunate to be taking part in cooking lessons later this term.

Music

In Music we will be focusing on learning different themed music through instruments and songs. Our main focus will be to learn how to play the recorder and read the relevant notes. We will also be learning and singing a variety of songs linked to our Harvest festival performance.

French

In French we will be looking at basic vocabulary including greetings, numbers, colours and basic conversational phrases.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure all clothes are named! All children need a pair of black school pumps for P.E. Trainers are welcome for outdoor P.E., but pumps are required for indoors P.E. If your child struggles to remove their earrings, please leave them at home on P.E. days. We shall be swimming after February half term – more information to follow!



RE

In RE. we will be focusing on Bible stories and their morals. We will also explore Sikhism and the stories, festivals, beliefs and people associated with the faith.

Computing

In computing, we will be exploring algorithms, communication and networking as well as looking to program our very own animation!

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 (this includes 'home' books). To support their Maths learning, please practice the multiplication and division club they are working on and encourage the use of 'DoodleMaths' for 10 mins daily. Little and often works best.

It is great to see so many children bringing fruit as a snack for break time – please continue to do so. It really helps their concentration in the run up to lunch time! If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. We have set up a Year 3 email which both of us can access and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can – Year3Teacher@ridge.dudley.sch.uk

Mrs Dipple and Mrs Hadley

