

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024

Welcome back to another exciting half-term in Year 3. The children have all made a great start to Year 3 - we look forward to all the new topics they will be learning about.

English

This half term we will be focussing on a new text called 'The Ice Palace'. The children will be learning about the features of diary writing and they will then have a go at writing their own diary entry about The Ice Palace using past tense, first person, conjunctions, time adverbials and thoughts and feelings. We will also be learning and practising various reading skills in our reading lessons such as retrieval, prediction and inference.

You can help your child to succeed in English by:

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly
- Encouraging your children to present their work neatly when doing work at home

Maths

In maths we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers using mental and written methods. We will then move onto multiplication and division - focusing on the x2, x5, x10 x3, x4 and x8 times tables this half-term. We will look at using arrays, grouping and sharing numbers. The children have all been very excited about Times Tables Rockstars and we will be continuing to use this in school, please continue to use this resource at home.

You can help your child to succeed in maths by:

- Practising times tables and number facts with your child
- Giving them time at home to use Times Tables Rockstars (5 minutes each day)
- Supporting your child with their maths homework and encouraging them to check their answers are correct

Topic

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Stone Age last half term, and we are now moving onto learning about the Bronze Age. They will look at how life continued to change when people started using metal in Britain and make comparisons to the stone age. The children will end the topic by making an information leaflet about the Bronze Age.

Science

This half term we will be focusing on Rocks and Soils. We will find out about different types of rocks and their importance in outdoor environments. We will also learn about fossils and look at the story of Mary Anning. This learning will be further enhanced by our educational visit to the National Coal Mining Museum on Thursday 21st November 2024. Please make sure you have filled in the ping to consent to your child going.

P.E.

This half term our PE lessons will be on Tuesday (handball) and Thursday (football) for Maple class, while Willow class will be going swimming on Tuesday and having PE on Thursday (football). Please make sure your child has their appropriate PE Kit in school - we will keep general kits in school for the half term. If your child takes them home after a club, they need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please make sure that everything is labelled as things have been misplaced recently. Also please make sure earrings are taken out and hair is tied up on PE days.

Forest School/Design Technology

We are very excited that it is now our turn to go to Forest School every Thursday! Please make sure you provide your children with old, warm clothes and shoes or boots with two pairs of socks. They will need to wear gloves and hats, but no scarves or earrings. Amanda will be leading exciting sessions in the school grounds, and we can't wait to get started!

We will be having a design technology focus during our lessons and the children will be making prehistoric shelters. Therefore, please anticipate that the children may come home quite dirty!

As Maple class will be going first, please could these children come to school in their forest school clothes and bring their school uniform in a carrier bag.

French

In French, the children will be learning classroom instructions, nursery rhymes and what Christmas is like in France.

Uniform

As the weather changes, your child must bring a warm, waterproof coat. Please make sure that all items of school uniform, including their PE kit, are labelled with your child's name so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear for school - ie trainers/shoes that are mainly grey or black.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned by Friday. Topic homework will be given out on Friday, and this will need to be completed by the following Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings which they will be practising in school during the week, and we would like you to practise them with your child over the weekend, ready for their spelling test on Monday.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please remember that the school day begins at 8.45am and all children should arrive by the time the doors close at 8:55am. Any child who arrives after 8:55 is classed as late. Please can we also remind you that, if possible, please arrange medical appointments out of school time. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to another fantastic half-term in Year 3!

Mrs Scarfe, Ms Reddish, Mrs Flory, Miss Costello, Mrs Harding, Miss Saimah and Mrs Kauser