

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This newsletter gives you a summary of Year 3 topics for this term and information relating to your child's learning. A large part of their learning will be based around the question "Who lived in Britain thousands of years ago?"

History

We will be:

- Finding out what life was like in the Stone Age, Bronze age and Iron Age
- Looking at evidence of life in pre- historic Britain
- Examining changes from the Stone Age to the Iron age



Literacy

In English children will be exploring different fables and engaging in performance poetry. Children will also write regularly for other subjects. The theme for our Big Writes will link to the current literacy topic and the usual 'big talk' will be replaced with detailed planning which will now take place in school. Just to clarify, there will be no Big Talk homework in Year 3.

Writing at home

Please encourage your child to write for different purposes, e.g. shopping lists, instructions, stories, diary entries, etc. and promote the importance of correct letter formation and neat presentation. Some children may be required to do extra handwriting practice at home in order to improve their progress in writing.

Spelling

Children will learn to spell high frequency words, words with the same spelling patterns and topic related vocabulary. We will have a new focus each week in class. Children will take home a selection of words related to the weekly focus in a spelling book. Please help your child to learn the words. Spelling assessments will take place on **Thursdays** and will test children on the current week's spellings. New spellings will be sent home every Friday. There will be a Grand Spell in the last week of each half term.

Reading

Children in Year 3 will read during whole class guided reading sessions. There will also be regular, independent reading and related activities. Children will be given the opportunity to change their home reading books when they first enter the classroom at 9am. It is expected that children will read at home a minimum of three times and record their reading in their green reading record book. Less than three reads will result in an extra read at lunchtime. This provides children with an opportunity to catch up with an extra read.

Maths

The class will have a daily maths lesson. This will have a main learning challenge and will also involve mental maths, counting and the learning of facts (Learn Its). The 'Learn Its' for this term will be the multiplication facts for the 3 times tables. You can help your child with maths by helping him/her to learn the tables (2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x), number bonds to 20 and 100. Knowing multiplication and division facts is crucial to the understanding of many aspects of maths as your child progresses through school. Helping your child to tell the time to the nearest minute is also very important.

Your child will also be learning to:

- *work with numbers to up 1000
- *develop their understanding of place value.
- *add and subtract using three digit numbers
- *measure length and know units of length
- * solve problems involving length, shape, numbers and money

Children will take part in the 'Big Maths CLIC' test, which gives them an opportunity to practice different types of calculation. Each child will have personalised maths targets, which links to CLIC.



Science

In science, our learning will include planning and carrying out investigations relating to **rocks, forces and magnets**.

PE

Swimming will take place on **Monday** afternoons.

Class PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school on these days. Please ensure that **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about:

- Rules and Responsibilities
- Right and Wrong and respect for the law
- Friendship and anti- bullying

ART

Artwork will focus on drawing, collage and cave art.

ICT

We will be:

- using the Internet for research
- learning about e- safety
- using publishing tools
- sending and receiving e mails

RE

In RE we will be learning about the Lord's prayer, Harvest celebrations for different faiths and Christmas. Year 3 will be leading the Harvest festival in church. A letter will be sent home shortly confirming the date.

Homework

Homework will generally be given on a **Friday** to be returned no later than the following **Wednesday**. If homework is completed before Wednesday, you are more than welcome to return it to school. Homework should be placed in the homework box. Please read the homework information at the front of the maths and literacy homework books and ensure that homework is always presented neatly.

In addition to weekly homework tasks, children will also be expected to read regularly, learn spellings and practice times tables.

Bags

As space is limited in the classroom, please ensure that large bags are not brought into school.

School book bags can be purchased from the office and are much easier to accommodate due to limited cloakroom space. PE kits should be in a drawstring bag.

I hope that your child has settled into Year 3 and has adapted to the environment in Key Stage 2. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning.

Mrs Fricker and Miss Ogden ☺